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## THE WAR.

General Joubert was buried last Saturday with military honors. The captured British officers at Pretoria sent a floral tribute.

All the Canadians at Netley hospital are doing well, with the exception of Private Weir of Toronto, whose case developed into fever.

London, March 30.—Lord Roberts cables from Bloemfontein tonight that owing to the activity of the Boers on our immediate front, and their hostile action toward burghers who had surrendered, I found it necessary to drive them from the kopjes they occupied south of Brandford. The operation was successful. The British casualties were one officer killed and seven wounded, and one hundred rank and file wounded. The Boers retreated towards Brandford.

A Capetown despatch says that President Steyn has gone to Pretoria, after issuing orders that all British burghers refusing to join the Boer army are to be shot.

The Free State legislature was called to assemble at Kroonstadt on Monday, April 2nd.

London, April 2.—Lord Roberts report to the war office on Saturday brought word of a misfortune to a British column. Colonel Broadwoods column was crossing a drift where the Boers were concealed, where scouts had passed without discovering the enemy. Not a shot was fired until the British were into an ambushade. The troops included the 10th Hussars, 2 batteries of horse artillery and a detachment of mounted infantry. The balance of Colonel Broadwood's force crossed the Spruit by another drift. The British lost all their baggage, seven guns, 150 killed and wounded and a good many missing.

Kimberley, April 1.—There is great Boer activity along the Vaal river, about 6000 burghers have assembled at various points between Fourteen Streams and Christiana, and about 7000 men are occupying Witrand, north of Klipdam, and 600 are laagered at Boetsap.

London, 2.—Another despatch from Lord Roberts says all the men of "U" battery are missing excepting Major Taylor and a sergeant-major. The Boers left 12 officers and 70 wounded behind when they retired towards Ladybrand.

Pretoria 3.—There has been heavy fighting between Brandford and Bloemfontein. Boer loss nine killed and wounded. Later report from Brandford says 2,000 Boers attacked 3,000 British with success but the British were reinforced and the Boers retired.

London 3.—Lord Roberts telegraphs under yesterday's date that the British have been in close touch with the enemy since the last engagement when Col. Brandwood's force was ambushed.

London 3.—Bloemfontein despatches regarding the loss of the convoy on Saturday says: The Boers opened with a murderous fire. The Kaffir drivers of the convoy ran away leaving their teams and it was impossible for our men to hit the hidden enemy. Our gunners fought bravely, trying to save the guns but were greatly hampered by the Kaffirs, who ran hither and thither looking for cover from the dreadful fire that was poured in on all sides. Meanwhile the enemy were hotly pressing Col. Broadwood, whose troops were completely

surrounded. The British showed magnificent bravery. The officers were quite cool, composedly directing operations. The opportune arrival of reinforcements saved Col. Broadwood from annihilation. It is reported that two guns have been recaptured.

General Cronje and 1,000 Boers have sailed from Capetown for St. Helena.

Brussels, 4.—The Prince of Wales was shot at today while leaving the railway station here. He was not hurt.

London 5.—It looks today as though the Boers had conceived the audacious plan of attempting to invest Lord Roberts at Bloemfontein or to endeavor to delay his northward advance by harassing the British lines. Lord Roberts is concentrating his forces and preparing to take every advantage of the bold but risky tactics of the Boers, but he is not likely to strike until certain of delivering a crushing blow. The railway to the north is in the possession of the British as far as Karoo siding.

The "Daily Mail" has a despatch from Bloemfontein saying that Col. Porter with 90 Carbiners and Scots Greys performed a brilliant deed Sunday. He charged a body of Boers and rescued 91 British, including 11 officers who were captured the previous day, when Col. Broadwood was ambushed. No casualties an British side.

London. 6.—A Bloemfontein despatch says: "General Clements division, 6000 strong, has arrived from the south and are encamped five miles north of here, after a continuous march for a week. There is no danger of a water famine. An important engagement lasting several hours, was fought yesterday afternoon at Bushman Kop."

## Lytton-Lillooet Mails.

In the House of Commons recently the following questions, standing in the name of Col. Prior, were put by Mr. Earle:

"1. Were not tenders called for, to be in by Jan 19 last, for a mail service twice per week between Lytton and Lillooet, B. C. (distance about 40 miles), to be commenced February 1 last?"

"2. Who tendered for this service and what was the amount of each tender?"

"3. To whom has the contract been awarded?"

"4. If not awarded, why not?"

"The Postmaster-General (Mr. Mulock)—With a view of establishing this service, if possible, tenders were called for a mail service twice a week between Lytton and Lillooet, for the purpose of ascertaining the cost, said tenders being due to be opened on the 19th of January last. As the question of establishing the service is still under consideration, none of the tenders have been accepted and, therefore, information regarding them cannot be given at present."

Another notice placed on the paper by Col. Prior calls for copies of all correspondence, telegrams and report between the government and the provincial government of British Columbia or their agents, since June 1, 1900, in regard to anti-Chinese and anti-Japanese legislation.

Washington, 4.—Admiral Dewey has confirmed the rumor that he would accept the presidency of the United States should the people desire him to fill that office.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Geo. Hurley, brought in a special stage load of passengers from Lytton Thursday.

J. Gray arrived from Vancouver on Thursday and will remain in town for some time.

Rev. W. W. Hardie, Presbyterian minister, will hold service in the Methodist church on Sunday.

O Abercrombie arrived in town Tuesday afternoon from Vancouver and will remain a short time visiting his brother W. J. Abercrombie.

John R. Williams who is taking in the McGillivray Creek machinery was in town for a day this week, and expects to have everything at the mill in a very short time.

An alarm of fire was started one day this week by some of our citizens, but on investigation the fire proved to be only a cloud of smoke from the chimney of a newly lighted fire.

A social dance will be held in Santini's hall on Monday evening, April 16th auspices of the Lillooet Baseball Club. Tickets \$1. The proceeds will go towards replenishing the treasury of the club.

Lance Knowles has disposed of his ranch at Pemberton Portage to Mr. Ronald Curie who will take possession at once. Mr. Knowles will probably spend some time in the Bridge River section this season mining.

At the post office is a supply of Olive Phillips-Wolley's poem, "In Memory of Our Dead at Modder River." The poem is a remarkably fine piece of literature and is having a large sale all over the country. The entire proceeds are being devoted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

George Washington Beebe has been duly sworn in as a member of the Lime-Kilm club at Victoria. The club is gaining members slowly and is now composed of Giveadam Martin, headpush, Brudder Yates, Waydown Curtis, and George Washington Beebe, with the lieutenant-governor as honorary president.

It is rather surprising that the liberal gang who have been infesting the upper country for the past few weeks gathering delegates, liberal, conservative or otherwise, to attend the convention with the avowed purpose of defeating Joseph Martin as leader of the party, did not come to this section. They were offering money freely at other points to any who wished to attend the convention and vote the Hon. Joseph down. It would be interesting to know how much it cost to control the convention.

## East Lillooet's Candidate.

We are in receipt of the news that Mr. A. McDonald has finally succumbed to the persuasion of his host of friends and has decided to contest East Lillooet as an Independent candidate for the legislature. That Mr. McDonald's election is as-

ured we have not a shadow of doubt and we take this early opportunity of congratulating the electors of the East Riding on their prospective member. We are confident they will never have the slightest reason to regret their choice. More than any other man, Mr. McDonald is conversant with the requirements of the district and being a practical miner is well qualified to bring the undeveloped resources of East Lillooet to the notice of the public. The Prospector will have more to say on this subject as the campaign progresses.

## About the Size of it.

British Columbia is in need of a legislature that will foster the industries of the country and work for the benefit of the masses instead of its members and friends. Any person having a legislature of this kind on hand can find a ready market by applying to the people of this glorious province, so much favored by nature, and so much damned by incompetent images of men commonly called M. P.'s. In most cases these initials stand for Mighty Poor Politicians.—New Denver Ledger.

## Injunction on the Coal Deal.

Attorney-General Martin, on behalf of the province, last week instituted proceedings cancelling the letters patent for coal lands issued last November by the Semlin government to the New Vancouver Coal and Land Co., and asking for an injunction restraining the company from mining under Nanaimo harbor until the determination of the action pending between the E. & N. Railway Co. and the New Vancouver Co.

## No Trap Fishing Allowed.

The Dominion government has decided not to permit trap fishing in Canadian waters. This was pressed for by certain parties in British Columbia.

There would be as much sense in Great Britain demanding of the United States what it means by fortifying San Francisco as in the United States demanding of Great Britain what it means by fortifying Esquimalt. Yet five out of eleven members of the house military affairs committee voted in favor of the ridiculous Sulzer resolution calling on the state department to make such a demand.—Buffalo Express.

The British government has taken no steps towards bringing up the Alaskan matter. The associated press is informed it is unlikely the conference will be resumed until after the presidential elections in the United States, the modus vivendi being regarded as the most satisfactory form of temporary settlement.

The law prohibiting the importation of nursery stock from the United States is to be amended. It is understood that nursery stock for B. C. will be examined by experts at Mission and allowed to be delivered if found free from disease.

At a cabinet council at Paris last week, M. Loubet presiding, it was decided to officially inaugurate the Paris exposition on Saturday, April 14th.

## THE BEND'OR CLEANUP.

The first cleanup for the season at the Bend'Or mine, on Cadwallader took place on Monday April 2nd. The ten-stamp mill ran for twelve days and seventeen hours, crushing 250 tons, which yielded 416 ounces of retorted gold valued at about \$8,000.

Messrs. J. M. Mackinnon and Arthur F. Noel brought the treasure down from the mine, leaving Sucker creek Wednesday morning coming down Bridge River to Mowsons in a boat, and arrived in Lillooet about seven o'clock. They left next morning for Lytton on their way to Vancouver. Mr. Noel will return in about a week.

The mill started crushing again on the fourth and it is the intention to run until the end of the month, when a big cleanup will be made. The first cleanup this season is very satisfactory and the owners may feel jubilant over their good fortune in possessing such a good property as the Bend'Or, as may also the district, which it benefits greatly and advertises to the outside world the richness of the Bridge River country.

The Mining Record in its last issue says: The directors of the Bend'Or Mines are to be congratulated upon the eminently satisfactory report and financial statement of the year's operations which they have been able to represent to the shareholders. The company's affairs seem to be in a flourishing condition and there is every prospect of respectable and regular dividends in the near future. The success of the Bend'Or will go far towards restoring confidence in the Bridge River district, which was so rudely shaken by the Golden Cache collapse. Not only is the Bend'Or an exceedingly promising property but is being managed on very careful and economical lines.

## Pemberton Indian Killed.

Mr. Purcell, a well known trader at Douglas, head of Harrison lake in an interview at the coast says:

The past winter has not been favorable to the Indians in their hunting and trapping expeditions, as the mild weather and scarcity of snow enables animals to keep well out of the way. Mr. Purcell relates, in this connection, the tragic death of an Indian hunter. About two weeks ago two Pemberton Meadow boys went out after mountain goat. They separated away up a mountain, and, on towards evening, one of them came upon his companion's rifle stuck in the snow just at the edge of where a great snow-slide had occurred leaving the rock bare, and carrying the unfortunate Indian down several hundred feet to his death. Having made the shocking discovery of his companions fate, the hunter sadly made his way to camp, and notified the Indians of the mournful event. Next day a party was made up to search for the body, which was found. The only mark on the body was a slight cut on the head, and it was the general opinion that, if help had arrived the night previous, the man's life would have been saved; for the unfortunate man was found with his coat off, and kneeling in position of prayer, plainly showing that, though perhaps fatally hurt, still he lived, and had his senses after his terrible decent down the mountain side.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1900.

Bridge river mining district, by the end of the present season, will be known far and wide as the greatest free-milling quartz district in the world. With hardly any transportation facilities, but with energetic and pushing men, last season about \$35,000 was taken out of the rich ledges which are distributed along Cadwallader creek.

The Bend'Or stamp mill this season will, without doubt, do well, as the body of ore now being worked is very rich and there is quantity sufficient to keep the mill working for years, and those fortunate enough to hold shares in the mine will be able to draw dividends before the end of the present year. Heretofore the company has operated under great difficulties but are now about to reap their reward for the large expenditures in opening up the mine and assisting the district in general.

The Lorne group last year with an arrastra did exceedingly well, cleaning up in the neighborhood of \$8,000. The capacity of the arrastra was one ton a day, the ore averaging about \$100 per ton. This year another arrastra has been added which will be at work in a short time. The owners of this property have a bonanza and this summer will exceed last years work easily.

Besides these two properties numerous other ones throughout the district are good, but these two have produced bullion and been developed somewhat. The majority of claims have only had assessment work done and have showed up well, and with further work will no doubt prove good properties. A couple more arrastras are being built and will be at work shortly and the close of this season will show that Bridge River has paying mines, notwithstanding that there is only a mountain trail to get to the mines. A wagon road is needed and it stands the people of this section to see that a road is built this year, as what benefits Bridge River will make Lillooet one of the best mining camps in the West.

The drawback at present being the difficulties and expense encountered in getting supplies and machinery to the mines, and we would urge all those who have a vote, to cast it for the man who will build a wagon road to Bridge River.

The liberal heeled who are in the interior seem to be causing considerable dissatisfaction in the towns they have visited. While The Prospector is not in favor of Joseph Martin as premier of British Columbia, it can not countenance anything like the gang that is travelling throughout the country poisoning delegates with flowery talk against Martin as leader of the liberal party. Of the "two evils choose the least," and we think the Hon. Joseph would be the choice of the majority, in a case of this kind. The better thinking people will no doubt turn both outfits down.

Premier Martin in addressing a Victoria audience last week stated that the elections will be held about June 15th and the house would probably meet during the first of July.

What about the coal land deal at Departure bay? Some one will be able to retire and live in ease as all that valuable coal land was no Christmas gift.

## Coal Mines Arbitration.

The decision in the coal mines arbitration has been made. The arbitrators having disagreed, the umpire decided: "According to the evidence before, I find that the above referred to special rule is not a reasonable one, but I think from the evidence it is necessary that all men working underground should be able to understand instructions given in the English language, and that a rule should be prepared to that end."

The special rule referred to is that of August 9th, 1899, which required all underground coal miners to be able to read and understand the special rule as printed in the English language.

## President McKinley's Good Offices.

Some of the United States senators have a way of putting things that may be described as homely, but convincing. Senator Jones for instance, in criticising President McKinley's statement that he had transmitted to [the British government] the Boer request for mediation of Washington, says that the president "is rendering the same service that a telegraph pole performs in sustaining a line of communication between two points."

An amusing story is going the rounds with reference to President Kruger. A grandson of that amiable old gentleman is said to have been in communication with Pretoria and received a cable: "More ships arriving, are anymen left in Manchester?" Young Kruger went to Manchester and cables back: "Regret Manchester still full." The second cable from Pretoria: "Still more troops arriving, what about Leeds?" The answer was, "Leeds also full." A third cable came, "Try Newcastle." Young Kruger went to Newcastle and there saw a lift go down the shaft of a mine empty, bringing up eight men to the surface; rushing off to the telegraph office he cabled: "Stop the war, grandpapa. England is bringing up men from hell."

The Imperial Limited service will be placed upon the transcontinental route by the Canadian Pacific in a few weeks. The new time card will be put in force earlier than last summer and it is probable that the time between the coast and Winnipeg will be still further reduced. But from Winnipeg east it is not the intention to make any change over last year.

William Fernie, after whom the town in East Kootenay is named has announced himself as a candidate for East Kootenay in the next provincial elections. His platform has not yet been given out.

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O I was thine, and thou wert mine, and ours  
the boundless plain,  
Where the winds of the North, my gallant steed,  
ruffled thy tawny mane,  
But the summons hath come with roll of drum  
and bugles ringing shrill,  
Startling the prairie antelope, the grizzly of the  
hill.  
'Tis the voice of the Empire calling, and the  
children gather fast  
From every land where the crossbar floats out  
from the quivering mast;  
So into the saddle I leap, my own, with bridle  
swinging free,  
And thy hoof-beats shall answer the trumpets  
blowing across the sea!  
Then proudly toss thy heads aloft, nor think of  
the foe to-morrow,  
For he who dares to stay our course,  
drinks deep of the Cup of Sorrow!

Thy form hath pressed the meadow's breast,  
where the sullen grey wolf hides.  
The great Red River of the North hath cooled  
thy burning sides;  
Together we've slept while the tempest swept  
the Rockies' glittering chain;  
And many a day the red Centaur hath galloped  
behind in vain!  
But the sweet wild grass of mountain pass,  
and the shimmering summer streams  
Must vanish forever more, perchance, into the  
land of dreams;  
For the strong young north hath sent us  
forth to battle-field far away,  
And the trail that ends where ocean treads,  
in the trail we ride to-day!  
But proudly toss thy head aloft, nor think  
of the foe to-morrow.  
For he who bars Strathcona's Horse  
drinks deep of the Cup of Sorrow!  
—WILLIAM HENRY DRUMMOND.

**Imperial Federation.**

In a long despatch anent imperial  
federation, Isaac N. Ford, the New York  
Tribune correspondent says: "Imperial  
federation without doubt has received a  
tremendous impulse from the war, it is  
no longer a vagary of politics, but it re-  
mains a problem of immense difficulty,  
to be taken up cautiously. Mr. Cham-  
berlain is the only statesman who is  
completely identified with it. He al-  
ready represents the colonies and de-  
pendencies of a wide-world empire.  
His constituency has been created and  
is loyal to him, and its interests will be  
supreme in the future of the British  
empire. Anybody who supposes that  
his political influence is impaired and  
that his work is ended is laboring under  
a strange delusion."

**Proposed Royal Visit.**

The Prince of Wales, it is said, may  
make a tour of the British colonies,  
when the war is over, for the purpose of  
crystallizing the sentiment in favor of  
Imperial Federation, says a London  
despatch to the "Herald." He will  
probably include the United States  
when he visits Canada, if he finally de-  
cides the trip. He looks with approval  
on the idea of an Anglo-American  
entente, and wishes to do as much as his  
dignity will permit to promote it. It is  
thought that just one thing may be  
looked upon as likely to dissuade the  
heir apparent from undertaking the  
journey, namely, the condition of his  
aged mother. This war has been a  
tremendous strain on the Queen.

**Important to Chinese.**

The United States Supreme Court has  
handed down its decision regarding the  
right of Chinese merchants, resident in  
the United States, to bring their wives  
to that country, without having a cer-  
tificate, and finds that they have a right  
to enter, without such certificate. Justice  
Peckham, of New York, wrote the de-  
cision, and it is concurred in by all the  
other Justices of the court. Justice  
Peckham says that an opposite view of  
the law would be a violation of the treaty  
of the United States with China. It  
even goes so far as to allow minor chil-  
dren of merchants to come into the  
United States.

**Flatter of Length.**

"How long should mourning gowns be  
worn by a widow of twenty-two?" was  
the question that came sobbing through  
the mails.  
Now it chanced to be the sporting  
editor's day off, and the religious editor,  
therefore, was attending to the Side  
Talks With Young Persons.  
"There is no hard and fast rule,"  
wrote the religious editor, confidently,  
"but they ought to come down to the  
boot-tops at least."  
This incident illustrated the occasional  
awkwardness of a newspaper standing as  
bulwark of morals to the exclusion of  
everything else.—Detroit Journal.

Mrs. Binks (sick of it)—Really, John!  
How can you bear to spend your time  
whip—whip—whipping at the stream  
all day long and never a single fish tak-  
ing the least notice of you?  
John—Ah, but think o' the delight,  
Maria, when you do get a fish! Lor'  
bless us, my dear, have you forgotten  
the day when you hooked me?

At the public meeting held at the  
board of trade, Montreal, last week. It  
was decided that it is fitting to erect a  
monument in Montreal to the memory  
of Canadians who fell in battle in South  
Africa, and a committee was appointed.  
Lieut. Col. Henshaw started the ball rol-  
ling with a subscription of \$500.

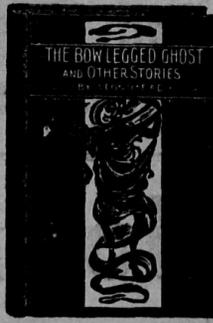
"Thank heaven!" said Dawson, proud-  
ly, "I have an iron constitution."  
"I judged it from your face," said  
Jones, "It's such a hard one."

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that an application  
will be made to the Legislative assembly of the  
province of British Columbia at its next session  
for an act to incorporate a company with power  
to construct, equip, maintain and operate tele-  
phone and telegraph lines within and through-  
out all the cities, towns, municipalities and  
districts of the mainland of the province of  
British Columbia and to construct, erect, and  
maintain such and so many poles and other  
works and devices as the company deem  
necessary for making, completing, supporting,  
using, working, operating and maintaining the  
system of communication by telephone and  
telegraph, and to open or break up any part or  
parts of the said highways or streets as often as  
the said company, its agents, officers or work-  
men think proper and for the purpose of the  
undertaking to purchase, acquire, lease, expro-  
priate, hold and sell and dispose of lands, build-  
ings, or tenements within the limits aforesaid,  
and to purchase or lease, for any term of years,  
any telephone or telegraph line established or  
to be established in British Columbia connect-  
ed, or to be connected with the line which the  
company may construct, and to amalgamate  
with or lease its line or lines, or any portion or  
portions thereof, to any company possessing as  
proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph  
communication connecting or to be connected  
with the said company's line or lines, and to  
borrow money for the purposes of the company,  
and to pledge or mortgage any of the company's  
assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses,  
or privileges from any person or body corporate,  
and with all other usual, necessary or in-  
cidental rights, powers or privileges as may be  
necessary or incidental to the attainment of  
the above objects, or any of them.  
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sketches, verse,  
facetious para-  
graphs and col-  
loquies. A book  
that will not  
disappoint the  
reader, as it  
enters a new  
and heretofore  
unexplored  
field of humor.  
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read aloud and  
enjoyed among  
your friends. Contains "The Bow-legged Ghost,"  
"When Ezra Sang First Bass," "The Man Who  
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## LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Allen after a couple weeks illness is able to be around again.

Dan. Hurley left on Tuesday morning for Cadwallader to assist at the Lorne mine.

Last Saturday afternoon an impromptu baseball match took place on the grounds.

W. G. Manson left the first of the week for the North Fork, on a few weeks hunting expedition.

A partnership has been formed between lawyers F. J. Fulton and W. H. Whittaker of Kamloops, to take effect on May 1st prox.

J. S. Bell made a nice catch of trout the first of the week, a Dolley Varden weighing over seven pounds the rest averaged about four pounds each.

L. G. Burns, provincial constable, returned from a week's absence in the Bridge river section. Mr. T. P. Reed acted as constable during Mr. Burns' absence.

Until further notice a special coach carrying passengers, mail and express will leave Ashcroft for the 150 Mile House and way points Fridays. If business offers, this coach will also be run to Quesnelle.

The election appeal case of Stoddart vs. Prentice re-appears in the supreme court only to have the petition of appeal dismissed, the cost to be paid out of the \$2,000 deposit, and the balance to be returned to the petitioner.

"Bertie" Phair, youngest son of Mr. C. Phair government agent, who has been attending school in Victoria for the past few months is expected home today to spend the easter holidays with his parents.

Messrs John Marshall, James, William and Albert Brett left Tuesday morning for Ashcroft to complete further business in connection with the incorporation of the Brett group of claims on McGillivray creek. They expect to return Friday evening.

Mrs. Carter who has been employed at the Hotel Victoria for some time left by the Lytton stage Tuesday morning for Kamloops where her two children will attend school. Mrs. Carter will return again and take charge of the dining room of the Hotel Victoria.

Mr. R. B. Skinner, candidate for West Lillooet for parliamentary honors, arrived in town from Vancouver on Tuesday evening and will spend some time in the district interviewing the electors. In another column of this issue will be found his address to the electors.

The main street was cleaned up the first of the week by a few public spirited citizens but before finishing an Indian, a star boarder at the goal, was put to work and completed the work started. There is also another street or so, which could stand a little of the same kind of work.

James Urea, and M. Birmingham arrived in town Saturday evening from Clinton remaining in town for a few days. Mr. Urea is the well known blacksmith at Olinton and also interested in the shop in Lillooet and expects shortly to return here and build a first class shop.

If you need anything in the tailoring line, the Ashcroft tailor can supply your wants.

The Lytton dredge will commence dredging the Fraser river for gold this week. Steam was turned on last Tuesday.

Mrs. T. H. Walters left Tuesday morning and will go to Texas to visit her relatives. Mr. Walters expects to go up north to mine this summer.

Felix. Marshall has rented his ranch on the Fraser, opposite Pavilion, to Joseph Flichter for five years and will shortly go up Bridge River to work in the mines.

Gardening is one of the occupations of those who are lucky enough to have a patch of ground with water running on. In a few weeks time when the crop begins to appear, the experts in this line will be comparing each others garden, but will always own the best one themselves.

Alex. McDonald is now in charge of the Hotel Victoria, the transfer being made the first of the month. Mr. Hurley will go to Bridge River to look after his mining properties. The Hotel Victoria is well known to the traveling public and it is the intention of the new proprietor to spare no means for the accommodation of guests.

### 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 grievous 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.

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

### 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 shall consider 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.

I have the honor to be gentlemen, your obedient servant

A. W. SMITH.

#### Card of Thanks.

Having retired from the business of the Hotel Victoria, I desire to thank the general public for their liberal patronage, and hope a continuance of same will be extended to my successor, Mr. Alex. McDonald. DANIEL HURLEY. Lillooet, April 1st, 1900.

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