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ELECTION IN THE AIR.

That he peace out!

Joe Martin Says It Will Preceed Another Session.

Joseph Martin, K. C., M. L. A., declined to talk to newspaper men on current topics of the day while on his recent flying visit to Rossland, but to his friends in that city he was not so reticent, according to the Miner, and some of his statements and predictions anent the political situation are of considerable interest.

Mr. Martin is of opinion that there is bound to be a general election in the province before another session of the legislature convenes. He takes this view of the situation on the ground that the government cannot hope to face the house with a majority at next session.

He states that the delays in the last session of the house were not caused by the desire of Opposition members to hamper the transaction of business, but by the entire lack of preparation by the government and the slowness they manifested in bringing down legislation. The reason for this was the government did not know where it stood at any stage of the political game, particularly on the railroad bills. Mr. Martin takes unto himself the credit for having bowled out the Canadian Northern land grant.

The ex-premier does not think much of the personnel of the provincial cabinet. He is said to have made the statement that Mr. Dunsmuir was the only man of honor in the cabinet; any of the other members would pledge themselves in the morning and go back on the pledge before night.

Party lines in the next provincial general election is Mr. Martin's panacea for the legislative ills that have beset British Columbia. Asked what part the labor party might be expected to play in a contest on party lines, Mr. Martin expressed the opinion that one or other party must join hands with the labor men and make a straight issue in the campaign.

GRANBY COMPANY TO BUILD FACTORY.

A visitor from the Boundary brings the information that the Granby Company is contemplating the erection at Grand Forks of a factory in which to manufacture the product of their mine into copper wire, copper rivets, etc.

This company has earned a reputation for carrying its plans out to the letter, and it is hoped that the present one will succeed.

It will mark a new era in the mining and industrial progress of British Columbia.

If the people of the coast cities had been alive to their possibilities, extensive iron and steel works might now be in operation in B. C. that could bid successfully for the trade of the Orient.

In the same way the silver and lead products of the Slocan might well have been refined and manufactured in the province.

But it has been left for the Granby Company to point the way. They have already succeeded in mining and smelting ore at a less cost than any other company on the continent, and the business-like way in which they have gone about it, without a single strike or lockout, has elicited the admiration of all citizens of the province interested in its progress. It is a fitting climax to their work of the past five years that they should now lead in the inauguration of that industrial development for which B. C. is waiting.

SUMMIT CAMP—NATIVE SILVER FOUND

Messrs. Kemp and Comer of Greenwood have been doing assessment work on the Celtic Chief and Imperial claims in Summit Camp, for the owners, Messrs. Cowings and Comell.

A ten foot tunnel was run on each claim.

On the Celtic a promising showing of copper was found, and some very fine galena was encountered on the Imperial in which a little native silver was occasionally met with.

Mr. Kemp has been working for the past three years in the Sunset mine in Deadwood camp, near Greenwood.

He reports business in all lines very quiet in the Boundary on account of the coke famine, which has necessitated the closing down of the smelters.

Before returning home Messrs. Kemp and Comer will do assessment work on the Noonday, on Copper Mountain, belonging to Parker and Patterson.

CHANGE IN MAIL SERVICE.

Rumors have been circulating to the effect that a semi-weekly mail service would shortly be inaugurated between this place and Penticton.

Enquiries made of Mr. C. E. Thomas, the local postmaster, elicited the information that no notice had been received of such an arrangement, and that the only reason for believing that such a step was contemplated, was the receiving of a letter from the Post Office Inspector, asking the probable cost of a weekly service between this point and Granite Creek.

It is hoped the Dominion Government will lose no time in furnishing us with better mail facilities than at present exist between this place and the lower Similkameen. The present arrangement is altogether inadequate.

AN OLD DISCOVERY RE-LOCATED

Oh oh!

Robt. Stevenson and Ole Benson have just returned from a 100 mile trip, in the course of which they staked four claims on Deer Mountain 18 miles southwest of Granite Creek, on a lead which was discovered by Mr. Stevenson about 25 years ago and staked by him at the time. The country in which the claims are located is so rough and difficult of access that little or no work was ever done on them, and they were held for years by re-staking. The lead is about six feet wide, of white quartz, much discolored by iron stain, and carries besides a little copper and silver, high values in gold.

From five tests made in Vancouver and Seattle, Mr. Stevenson got an average of $108.75. The gold is partly free milling and partly contained in tellurides.

The claims are only about 30 miles from here if it were possible to go direct from Granite Creek, but this route could only be made feasible by the cutting of a trail, so Messrs. Stevenson and Benson were compelled to travel a distance of 50 miles in order to reach them.

HIGHLAND VALLEY.

John Y. Cole, Rossland, has been spending two months in the Highland Valley, where he has, in common with George Novack' important mining interests. The Highland Valley is reached by leaving the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Ashcroft. The valley parallels Nicola Valley and appears to contain numerous promising mineral showings. Mr. Cole regards the Highland and Transvaal groups as extremely promising copper properties. Their greatest obstacle is the ever in-evidence lack of transportation facilities. Petitions for road improvements have recently been addressed to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and should bare some fruit when it is borne in mind that there are several properties interested that have ore in sight which it will pay to ship.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HOTEL PRINCETON.

Robt Stevenson, Copper Mt; Dan McLeod, One Mile; J Peterson, Tulameen; J Knowles, Siwash Creek; C E Oliver, Hedley City; J M Sharp, Olalla.

HOTEL TULAMEEN, PRINCETON.

I Laughead, Nine Mile; F W Groves, J V Lee, Copper Mt; J H Bromley, Bromley Creek; E A Norman, Oxbow, Assa; F P Cook, Granite Creek.

HOTEL JACKSON.

Jno Williamson, Greenwood; T A Rogers, Capt Brigman, Granite Creek; W Small, J H Duncan, Nicola; R Cramer, J B Silverthorne, Gus Spearing, Granite Creek; W Green, P Rowlands, One Mile Rev A E Small, Lytton.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

F. P. Cook of Granite Creek, was in town this week.

J. H. Duncan returned on Saturday's stage from Nicola.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P., is expected to visit this district shortly.

Capt. Brigman is leaving on Sunday's stage for his home at Oakland, Cal.

C. E. Oliver, assayer of Hedley City, was in town Friday for a short time.

W. Wilson made a quick trip from 20-Mile to attend to necessary business. He returns again Monday. Needs a crop?

French Bros. and Day are doing assessment work on a claim of theirs located on Holmes Mountain.

F. Tennison and Gus Spearing are doing assessment work on the Olympia claim on Rabbit Mountain.

Mr. J. M. Sharp of Olalla, came in over the Hope trail on Thursday, and left for his home at Olalla on Friday.

Messrs. Kirby and Hine of Keremeos, have bought from D. Coutney a two-thirds interest in the Tulameen claim.

Rev. A. E. Small, Episcopal minister of Lytton, arrived in town Friday and will hold service in the School House at 11 a. m. Sunday morning. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The V. F. M. & D. Co. have a few men at work building a road from the east end of the Similkameen bridge to the mouth of the tunnel on their coal workings. Mr. Barr Hall is in charge of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Richter, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Silverthorne, returned Thursday from a fishing expedition to Mr. J. Thynne's place in Otter Valley. They report trout very plentiful in the Otter.

Spencer and Lang have returned from working on the Marion and Lily claims on Five Mile Creek. A 5 x 7 shaft has been sunk 20 feet on the Lily, and a number of open cuts made on the Marion. Some good looking copper ore was struck.

On Sunday there will be service at Ashnola at 11 a m., and at Princeton in the dining room of the Hotel Jackson at 7:30.—Subject: "The Race." Everybody heartily invited. Sunday school at 3 p.m. On the following Sunday service will be held at the Nickel Plate Mine.

Alderman and Mrs. Biggar of Hamilton, Ont., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howse of Nicola. Mr. Biggar is a prominent barrister of the ambitious city. Mrs. Biggar is a sister of Mrs. Howse and also Mrs. Thompson. It is noteworthy to see three sisters meet together so far from their old home at Grimsby, Ont.

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THE PROVINCIAL MINERALOGIST.

The annual report of the Minister of Mines for the year ending December 31st, 1901, has just been issued. As the provincial mineralogist visited this district last summer, his report on our mineral resources was looked for with considerable interest. A large number of prospectors thought seriously of leaving the district in case Mr. Robertson said anything in favor of it. His reports of older camps that have since done so much to prove British Columbia a rich mining country were so uniformly discouraging that it was felt almost necessary to our future position that we should be listed in the category of ill-favored districts. We can go forward now with confidence in our future: prospectors will take fresh heart, and mining investors will feel that putting money into Similkameen mining enterprises is just like getting money from home. the investment will be so safe.

Seriously though, does it not seem a strange thing for a new mining country like British Columbia to pay a man $4000 a year to go around to new camps and do the little "knock" act?

If we must have some one to do it, could it not be done cheaper?

Does Mr. Robertson expect prospectors, who have a hard struggle to make a living and keep up assessments, to develop their properties into mines?

If he does not, what does he mean by saying after examining a 25 foot open cut and a 15 foot tunnel "that no ore in any serious quantity has yet been exposed?"

Who expects a serious quantity of ore to be exposed in such workings? A ten year old boy instructed in the first rudiments of mining would hardly be guilty of such a silly remark.

Then again, what does Mr. Robertson mean when he says, in describing property on Kennedy Mountain, that he saw no minerai amounting to any "commercial value?" This is a very indefinite term. No mineral of any kind in this district, (with the exception of placer gold and platinum) can be considered of any commercial value, situated as it now is far from a line of railway. If this is what Mr. Robertson means we will grant his description to be correct.

If he means, however, that with transportation facilities the property in question does not contain ore of commercial value we feel compelled to contradict him.

A mining engineer reporting on this property for his company got an average assay of $12.00 per ton in all values from samples taken across a width of 60 feet, and it is a well known fact in this district that several conservative mining companies have made good offers for the claim.

In speaking of another claim on the same mountain Mr. Robertson says he found kidneys of comparatively pure mineral, but not sufficiently large to be profitably mined.

How he expected to see mineral in sufficient quanties to be profitably mined, in a 20 foot cut, we find it difficult to understand.

We must also find fault with the provincial mineralogist's assays.

His samples were either very carelessly taken, or else selected with a view to getting as low an assay as possible.

From the Freddie Burn group on Boulder Creek he got assays of $3.20 in gold.

A well known mining engineer of this section, who assayed the same showings a few days later and before any more work had been done, got an average assay of over $6.00 to the ton on the first sampling, and $9.00 per ton on the second.

The Copper Cliff in Hedley camp from which Mr. Robertson got average assays of about $6.00 per ton in all values, has since been sold to the Standard Oil Company for $52,000.00, and its former owners estimated they had a big body of ore that would easily average $10.00 per ton.

It is possible however that we are finding too much fault with the report of the provincial mineralogist.

It is altogether likely that he had instructions from the government to make as unfavorable a report as possible in order to give them a further excuse for doing nothing to provide a railway through this district; but the Similkameen will survive both the government and its high salaried knocker.

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EXCHANGE COMMENTS.

Four or five coal companies are preparing to operate in the Similkameen and on the North Fork of Kettle river. If they prove up workable measures of marketable black diamonds, the smelting industry of this section will not be at the mercy of one source of supply for their coke.—Phoenix Pioneer.

There are a few companies operating in the Boundary that have gone on in their business of mining without friction and without paying attention to every little wind that blows in the financial and labor world. Two of these are the Granby and Snowshoe. They are in the mining business for what there is in it, and not to work the stock markets.—Phoenix Pioneer.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 80 acres of land on the Similkameen River as follows:—Commencing at a post planted on the S. W. corner of Indian Reserve No. 5, thence north 20 chains; thence east 20 chains; thence north 10 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence south 30 chains more or less to the Similkameen River; thence along the left bank of the river to point of commencement, and containing 80 acres more or less.

The land is required for residential and other purposes.

RICHARD H. PARKINSON.

Fairview, B. C., July 22, 1902.

Notice of Assignment.

Pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901"

Notice is hereby given that Edgar Moir Allison, of Princeton, in the District of Yale and Province of British Columbia, rancher, has made an assignment of all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, to Herbert Webb, of Princeton, aforesaid, store manager, for the purpose of paying ratibly and proportionately, and without preference or priority, all his creditors.

Said assignment was executed by the assignor and by the assignee on the 12th day of July, 1902.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Edgar Moir Allison, will be held at the office of J. Charles McIntosh, Barrister-at-Law, Bridge Street, Princeton, on Thursday, the 31st day of July, 1902, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon.

All creditors are required to file with Herbert Webb, the assignee, full particulars of their claims and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them, and notice is hereby given that after the third day of September, 1902, the assignee will proceed to distribute the assets among the creditors of those whose claims or debts he shall have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any creditor of whose debt or claim he shall not then have received notice.

Dated this 14th day of July, A. D. 1902.

J. CHARLES McINTOSH,
Solicitor for Assignee.

NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court of Yale will be held at Princeton on Monday, October 13th, 1902.

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PROFITS IN ONE DOLLAR ORE.

New Treadwell Process May Revolutionize Mining.

The improved method of mining and milling adopted by the company owning the Treadwell mine on Douglas Island, Alaska, which reduces the cost from $1.10 to 66 cents per ton, means a great annual saving in the operation of the 800 stamps which the company owns. As the ore averages less than $2 per ton, the new process means not only a cut of nearly one-half on the expense of the mine and mill operation, but it brings within the field of profitable reduction a vast amount of quartz which under former conditions would be classed as virtually barren and worthless.

The San Francisco Chronicle has this to say on the matter: "The new process will make one-dollar ore profitable to work, and in the case of the Treadwell mine the dollar standard will add millions of tons of available quartz 'in sight' to the corporation's stock. No one save a practical miner can fully comprehend the significance of a profit in dollar ore. If the new Treadwell process can be applied in California, and it probably can, it will bring into the field of operation an indefinite volume of gold-bearing quartz which now affords no profit under the methods employed here.

"There are innumerable quartz veins of enormous bulk in this state which carry from $1 to $2 per ton of gold, but with one or two exceptions the cost of mining and milling has been higher than the value of the mineral contents of these big ore bodies. They have been condemned, therefore, as unavailable. If a 66 cents per ton process can be applied to them, these big quartz deposits will possess a commercial value which cannot be sneezed at, and the gold-quartz resources of the state will be tremendously expanded. If it can be applied to the mines operated on the mother lode, it will practically renew the lives of those properties, because it will make it profitable to extract every pound of ore lying between the walls of that great fissure vein, and it will also pay to mine and reduce much of the slate formation in its neighborhood, which is gold bearing.

"The cost of mining and milling on that lode has been cut down from about $9 per ton twenty-five years ago to $2.25 at present, and now four-dollar ore is worked at a profit. But there is a vast reserve in the vein, carrying from $2 to $3 per ton, which nobody can afford to touch with a $2.25 process, all of which will yield a big profit for working if the new process of the Treadwell mine can be applied to it. Gold-quartz mining has reached a wonderfully fine point when the cost of winning the precious metal from its matrix is reduced to 66 cents per ton."

NEW ELEMENT DISCOVERED.

It is Called Radion, and is of Extraordinary Energy. ?

Prof. Mackwald of the Berlin University announced at the last meeting of the Psychical Society that he had discovered a new element. The element in question is called radion. It is active, and of extraordinary energy. Prof. Mackwald has separated it from radioactive bismuth, so-called polonium found in uranium ore. It consists, as Prof. Mackwald discovered, substantially of ordinary bismuth, and of a new metal in the proportion of a thousand to one. The new metal can be separated by the electrolytic process. The rays it admits are something like those of the metal radium, but differ in being almost completely absorbed by paper, as well as by glass. Prof. Mackwald has proved that a porcelain tube heavily charged with electricity by rubbing, immediately lowers its charge when a morsel of this metal, weighing hardly a milligramme, is brought within a distance of one decimetre. A chemical analysis of the new metal is rendered very difficult by the fact that one ton of ore contains hardly one gramme of it.

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Bear the clang of hurrying feet.

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Armed and eager for the fray,
Hunting for the outlaw Tracy
In the wilds of Yesler Way.

See their cartridge belts and pistols,
See their rifles, gleaming bright.
They won't do a thing to Tracy—
That is, while he's out of sight.

News of battle! Have they caught him?
Has death closed his path of crime?
Not quite—but he's now surrounded
For the ninety-second time.

Later bulletins arriving!
Hear the watching hundreds groan.
"Tracy has again levanted—
Present whereabouts unknown."

And they still are chasing Tracy;
He's the smoothest rogue unhung,
Pretty soon he'll have them crazy—
Go it, Tracy, while you're young.

Government Must Collapse.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P., is reported by Rossland World as as saying in a recent interview :

"It is probable a general election will be held before another session. The government cannot hope if it meets the house again to carry any legislation, because of its small and often uncertain majority. Its actions last session are so universally condemned by the people that the opposition, which happens to represent about 40 per cent. more of the electorate than the government party of Dunsmuirites and Martinites, will feel justified in obstructing and refusing to allow it to do any business, especially as the recently adopted redistribution act shows how grossly unfair is the present representation. The best commentary on the worse than weakness and incapacity of the government is shown by the fact that from the very first week of the session the electors looked upon the sitting of the legislature as a menace to the welfare of the province, and many a fervent "Thank God" was uttered when the house was prorogued and the government was balked for a time at least in its mad endeavor to give away the best part of the people's patrimony to railway grafters and to friends of the government cliques and claquers."

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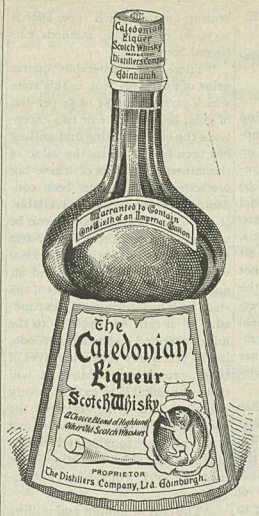

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NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Commencing at Initial Post, thence running 80 chains north, 80 chains west 80 chains south, 80 chains east, to point of commencement.

Said land is situated on the north bank of Whipsaw Creek, and joining the Scott Ranch, containing 640 acres.

P. E. WILSON.
H. H. PITTS, Agent.

Dated July 22, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Situate on the east bank of One Mile Creek, about 4 miles from its mouth and joining on the north of Chas. Richter's claim and on the west of Westwood's claim, commencing at post No. 1.

And running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west 80 chains north, back to post, in all 640 acres.

ROBERT HARVEY, Locator.
GEORGE BEAVER, Agent.

Dated June 23, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Situate on One Mile at the mouth of Summers Creek, commencing at post No. 1.

And running 80 chains south, 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

C. H. HARRINGTON.
GEO. BEAVER, Agent.

Dated June 20, 1902.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described lands:—

Situate on the east bank of One Mile Creek, 5 miles from its mouth and joining on the north of Robert Harvey's claim, commencing at post No. 1.

And running 80 chains north, 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains west, back to post, in all 640 acres.

GEORGE BEAVER, Locator.

Dated June 23, 1902.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of mountain pasture land about two miles east of Princeton, commencing at a point 20 chains east of H. H. Thomas' N. E. corner, and running 20 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 20 chains south, thence 80 chains east, to point of commencement and containing 640 acres.

Princeton, June 5, 1902.
Jun-7 CURRIE SCHISLER.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To WM. HOPKINS and THOMAS GRAHAM.

You are hereby nocified that I have expended the sum of ($100.00) one hundred dollars in labor on the April Fool mineral claim, in Olalla Camp.

In order to hold said claim under provisions of Section 24 of the Mineral Act, such being the amount required to hold said claim for the year 1901. And if at the expiration of 90 days of publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required under Section 24, together with all cost of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in the subscriber.

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