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SEMLIN ELECTED.

West Yale Says Prior Government Must Go.

Advices received by stage from Nicola show that C. A. Semlin has been elected over Dr. Sanson, the government candidate, by a large majority.

Every polling station except five, gives the winning candidate a plurality.

Agassiz leads with a majority for Semlin of 32 out of a total vote of 60; while Princeton is a close second with 31 majority for Semlin out of a total of 57.

Yale gave Semlin the largest majority in proportion to voting strength, going 20 to 1 in favor of the opposition candidate.

Dr. Sanson's largest majority was at Lower Nicola, where he led Semlin by 8 votes.

The other places giving him majorities were Coutlee, Lytton and Keefers, while Granite Creek split even.

Following is a detailed statement of the vote, the only polling place omitted being Spuzzum, a small place on the C. P. R. main line:

	Semlin.	Sanson.
Coutlee.....	11.....	17
Lower Nicola.....	6.....	14
Savona.....	27.....	9
Ashcroft.....	47.....	43
Spence's Bridge.....	13.....	8
Lytton.....	21.....	24
Keefers.....	2.....	3
North Bend.....	19.....	6
Hope.....	12.....	11
Agassiz.....	46.....	14
Yale.....	20.....	1
Otter Valley.....	3.....	1
Granite Creek.....	5.....	5
Princeton.....	44.....	13

Majority for Semlin 107.

The total vote cast was smaller than in the general election of June 1900, Princeton and Otter Valley showing the greatest falling off, owing to the absence from the district of many prospectors during the winter season.

The principal issue in the campaign was the government's policy of land grants to railways. Coupled with this was a desire on the part of the electors to see a general election on the lines of the redistribution bill passed last session, which will make it possible for the interior to get fair representation in the legislature.

The Nickel Plate Co. have stopped work on their mine in Hedley camp, in order to concentrate all available men on the building of their large stamp mill near Hedley City.

DIAMOND DRILL

To Start on Ashnola Coal Co's Ground.

W. Blakemore, M. E., of Montreal, consulting engineer for the Ashnola Coal Co., drove in from Penticton Wednesday on business connected with the company, and returned the following day.

While here Mr. Blakemore stated that it was his intention to start up the diamond drill belonging to his company in about six week's time.

The site selected for the new drill-hole is nearly a mile east from the one sunk last season, in which a ten foot seam of coal was cut at a depth of 700 feet.

It is Mr. Blakemore's idea that he can find this coal at a less depth and in a better position to mine, by going closer to the metaiferous rocks, where more or less tilting of the coal measures will have occurred.

P. A. Raymond, who had charge of the drill last year, has been spending the winter in Denver, Col. He is expected to return and resume the management of it.

POWER PLANT FOR MORNING STAR.

R. P. Williams, agent at Greenwood for the Jenckes Machine company, has sold a power plant to Dr. Wells, of the Columbia University School of Mines, New York, for use in prospecting the Morning Star, in Fairview Camp, Okanagan, says the Midway Dispatch. This property was recently bonded by outside parties from S. Mangott, of Fairview, and at the time the transaction was made public it was stated that it was intended to sink 300 feet on the claim. The plant now purchased consists of a 30-horse power vertical boiler, 6 by 8 Bacon hoist, No. 5 Cameron sinking pump of plunger pattern, ropes, buckets, cars, pipes, and all necessary accompaniments. M. E. Purcell, a mining man well known in Roseland district, is in charge of the development work, which is now in progress at the mine.

WEATHER REPORT.

Princeton meteorological readings for week ending Mar. 4, 1903:

	Maximum	Minimum
Thurs., Feb. 26.....	37	4
Friday, " 27.....	43	12
Saturday, " 28.....	36	-2
Sunday, Mar. 1.....	37	11
Monday, " 2.....	31	23
Tuesday, " 3.....	32	-11
Wednesday, " 4.....	31	-10
Mean 35.28		3.71

COAST-KOOTENAY

Construction Camps Being Organized for Work.

Railroad building through the Boundary country will be pushed as fast as possible within a few days. It is understood in Greenwood and Phoenix that the rock work in connection with the grading of the approaches to the V., V. & E. bridge, near the C. P. R. bridge and below the Granby smelter dam, will be started within a week or so. The contract for building the smelter spur has been awarded to Simms & Shields, of St. Paul, who will sub-let to other contractors.

Practically all the right-of-way for the V., V. & E. Railway from Greenwood to Phoenix has been acquired, as has also the right-of-way for the spur to the Granby smelter. Construction will be started this spring.

The route finally decided upon to reach Phoenix is that up Fourth of July Creek from Grand Forks, thence by way of Summit Camp and Providence Creek, this route being preferred over another survey which would run south of Phoenix instead of north in circling to get in to that camp.

OLALLA NEWS.

[From Star Correspondent.]

The tunnel on the Bullion group is being pushed ahead by two shifts, and there is no doubt now but that another ten or twelve days work will bring the breast into ore. This ore body on the surface has run from a few dollars up to \$127.00 per ton.

A local branch of the Provincial Mining Association has been formed here with a strong membership. Mr. L. M. Peterkin was appointed a delegate from Olalla, and left on Feb. 20th to attend the Victoria convention.

The decision of the P. O. department to inaugurate a through mail service between Penticton and Princeton, via Olalla, Keremeos and Hedley City, is regarded with great satisfaction here.

A CONVENIENCE.

A checking account with a bank is a great convenience, not only to business men, but to others as well. More people would keep such accounts if they knew just how to go about it. We gladly assist those who need help in getting started. Deposits received by mail.—Bank of Hamilton, Kamloops.

E. J. Dunsmoor was laid up for a few days this week with a bad cold.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Brief News Notes of Princeton and Vicinity.

J. B. Wood, owner of the Sailor Jack claim on Roche River, returned Wednesday from the Nickel Plate mine in Hedley camp, where he has been working for the past four months.

M. J. Quinlivan of Grand Forks, rode in from that place this week.

Max S. Wilson, who has been spending the winter in Vancouver, came in on Saturday's stage from Nicola, and left a few days later for Hedley City.

F. W. Groves, P. L. S., rode in from Anacoda late last week, and is again at work defining the boundaries of various ranches in this vicinity.

A. Johnston was up from Munson's camp near Hedley City, on Sunday last.

Judge Murphy returned to Granite Creek Sunday, to recuperate after the excitement incidental to an election campaign.

Geo. A. McIntyre, representing MacKay, Smith & Co., of Vancouver, was a visitor to town this week.

Miss McLean of Ashnola, is visiting Mrs. Silverthorn at the Hotel Jackson.

Chief of Police English, of Calgary, made a business trip to Princeton this week.

2,000 MINERS STRIKE.

All the men in the three collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company are out on strike. About 2,000 men are involved and their grievances briefly are as follows:

First.—Cutting of prices at Morrissey to 40 cents per ton.

Second.—Use of "McGintys" at Morrissey.

Third.—Employment of Chinese at Michel.

Fourth.—Scarcity of timbers in mines.

Fifth.—Non recognition of the District Miners' Union.

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 in the Yale District, in the Province of British Columbia, about four miles southeast of Princeton, on the east bank of the Similkameen River, commencing at initial post.
And running 30 chains east, along the south side of C. O. French's claim, 30 chains south, 30 chains west, 30 chains north, to point of commencement, and containing 400 acres more or less.

C. B. MURRAY.
J. K. FRENCH, Agent.
Located this 5th day of March, 1903.

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SANSON'S DEFEAT.

The defeat of Dr. Sanson may be traced to a number of causes, but the principal reason of his overthrow was the railway policy of the government he represented.

The Mainland vs. Island cry was not such a factor as in former elections in this riding, and the lack of harmony existing in the ranks of the opposition made its position a weak one.

It was felt, however, that few changes could be for the worse, after the government's policy for subsidizing railways had been publicly discussed; and the electors determined to administer a crushing blow to the parasitic grafters and promoters who have in the past been fattening at the public's expense, with the permission and connivance of the Prior-Dunsmuir combine.

West Yale has spoken strongly against subsidies to railways, and especially that form of a subsidy known as a land grant. We believe it has voiced the opinion of the British Columbia mainland on the question, and settled it for good and all.

WEST YALE ELECTORS.

It was a fortunate chance that gave West Yale an opportunity to speak for the people of the mainland on the policy of the Prior government. Perhaps nowhere in B. C. could a more independent class of electors be found; a class less susceptible to the allurement of the party in power, or more quick to

resent an attempt to snatch a verdict by influencing the weaker portion of the electorate through the lavish use of whisky and money.

The sturdy trail-blazers who mark the way for advancing civilization by discovering and opening up the mineral, timber and agricultural resources of a new and mountainous country are not usually "plaster paris saints," but they can give pointers on political morality to many sections of eastern Canada, where the Bible and the parson are much more in evidence.

ELECTION FRAUDS.

After the barefaced attempts at wholesale bribery of the electorate made by the minions of the Prior government in the recent election in this constituency, it is interesting to read what the Montreal Star says editorially in commenting on some election trials in eastern Canada:

"We do not hesitate to say that a man who will commit perjury, or condone perjury, in connection with an election, is not to be believed on oath in commercial matters.

"A man who will steal ballots, or condone the stealing of ballots, is not to be trusted with any portable property that is worth his stealing.

"A man who will forge a ballot or condone the forging of a ballot will forge a cheque.

"The Hon. Sam Blake has hit the nail upon the head by holding directly responsible for these awful crimes the men who profit by them. Were there no receivers of stolen property the thieves would find their profession unprofitable.

"Great and disgusting as have been the recent exposures in the courts, it is conceivable that the whole or a tithe of the whole has been revealed? These exposures are only made at enormous cost in money and labor and in the face of opposition, often as criminal as the offences it tries to screen."

A writer in the Canadian Magazine for February has a most interesting article on railway taxation in Canada. Some striking comparisons are made between the government revenues from railways in the States and those in Canada, showing that the latter are enjoying a great snap in this respect. He also shows that the Canadian railways have received from the people in the way of cash and land subsidies and other sources a total of two hundred and twenty-five millions of dollars, an average of eighteen thousand dollars a mile, enough to have built the roads, and yet they do not pay over \$500,000 a year in taxes.

Noah was one of the earliest advertisers. He advertised that he would sail on a certain day. Those who did not believe in advertising failed to get tickets and were left out in the wet without umbrellas or bathing suits. As most of them could not swim, they took to the trees and became monkeys. The origin of the monkey is now settled.—Midway Dispatch.

More trouble in the Crow's Nest coal fields and an ominous situation at Nanaimo. When will our legislators gain sense and wisdom to profit by the experience of other countries and pass a compulsory arbitration law? Industrial wars will cease then, and only then.—Slocan Drill.

NOBLE THIRTEEN.

"Little Willie" made a holler
 Through the Similkameen,
 Got quite warm around the collar,
 As was quickly seen.
 Thought he had the voters rounded
 With his talk and sound,
 And the boast he boldly rounded
 That he couldn't lose.
 When, alas! the vote was taken
 (Whisper low my friend)
 Only thirteen stood unshaken,
 Steadfast to the end.

Mourn with us for "Little Willie"
 Sad his fate doth seem;
 Out of over sixty voters
 He corralled thirteen.

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CHURCH NOTICE.

Mar. 1. Princeton—Service 11 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.
 " Granite Creek—Service 7:30 p.m.
 Mar. 8. Nickel Plate mine—Service 2:30 p.m.; Healey City 7 p.m.
 " 15. Princeton—Service 11 a.m. S. 10 a.m.
 " Granite Creek—Service 7:30 p.m.
 " 22. Princeton—Service 7:30 p.m.; S. School 3:30 p.m.
 " 29. Princeton—Service 11 a.m. S. School 10 a.m.; Granite Creek 3:30 p.m.



NOTICE.

A sitting of the County Court will be held at Princeton on Thursday, April 23, 1903.

By Order,

HUGH HUNTER,
 Registrar County Court.
 Princeton, Feb. 28th, 1903.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To John Lamont and James Jacobs, or to whomsoever they may have transferred their interest in the "Wet Day" mineral claim, situate on One Mile Creek, one mile from Burn's ranch, Similkameen Division of Yale District. Where located—Aspen Grove.

You and each of you are hereby notified that we have expended \$100.00 in labour and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1902." Dated at Princeton, B. C., this 24th day of Jan. 1903.

MICHAEL FOY,
 JNO. PATTERSON,
 VICTOR REYER.

NOTICE.

Covington, Portland, Vicksburg and Quebec Mineral Claims, situate in the Similkameen Mining Division of Yale District. Where located—Aspen Grove.

Take notice that J. E. Bate, Free Miner's Certificate No. 84981, agent for The Portland Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85555, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above mentioned claim, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1902." Dated this eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1903.

J. E. BATE, Agent.

Notice of Forfeiture.

To James Matthews, or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Wet Day" mineral claim, situate on One Mile Creek, one mile from Burn's ranch, Similkameen Division of Yale District.

You are hereby notified that we have expended \$100.00 in labour and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1902." Dated at Princeton, B. C., this 7th day of February, 1903.

MICHAEL FOY,
 JNO. PATTERSON.

NOTICE.

Rearguard and Warrior Principal Free Miner's Certificate No. 84981, agent for The Portland Mining Company, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85555, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act, 1902." Dated this 30th day of December, 1902.

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W. C. McDOUGALL.

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, operate and maintain a line of standard or any other gauge of railway to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other motive power, from a point at or near Princeton, in the District of Yale, Province of British Columbia, and thence by the most feasible route to a point at or near Kamloops, with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries and other works, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain steamships and other vessels and boats and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to acquire and expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, or other aids from any government, municipality, corporation, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on freight passing over any of such railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the company, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat, or other Companies, and for all other usual and necessary powers, rights or privileges.

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COPPER MAY BOOM.

Market is Buoyant and There is a Large Demand.

A late issue of the Engineering and Mining Journal gives some valuable information as to the existing supply of copper, and the inadequacy of it to bear the cutting off of any of the production. It says:

"The copper market is especially strong and buoyant. Manufacturers are buying quite freely, and there is an evident impression abroad that it would be well to lay in stock or to make contracts at the present time. Prices show an improvement and the general appearance of matters is encouraging. Some attempts have been made in certain quarters to over estimate the stocks of the metal on hand and thus lower the conditions of the market. We have every reason to believe that our figures given last week were as correct as possible to make such a statement, and there is nothing on hand, beyond the normal stock at the present time."

In its issue of January 10, the same journal had the following editorial mention:

"A bit of interesting news in connection with the extending use of copper is the announcement that the Metal Plated Car & Lumber Company of New York, has been awarded the contract for sheathing 500 cars for the new underground railroad with copper in its natural color. The advantages of the system are claimed to be protection against fire and saving in maintenance and as compared with painting and varnishing."

The Crow's Nest Strike.

The miners and the management of the Crow's Nest Coal Company are again at loggerheads, says the Nelson Tribune. The conflict between these two forces seems to be irrepressible. On the one side are men who want freedom of action; on the other side are men who want to mine coal and make coke, and at the same time they want to own the men who do the work. The miners want so much money for the work they perform, and

want to be free agents when not at work; they want to own their homes and be able to sell their holdings as freely as men in other callings are allowed to; they want to purchase what they eat and wear where they please and when they please. They do not want to be peons. The coal mine management, for some unexplainable reason, want to have strings on every man in their company's employ. They want to dictate who shall work, where the work is to be done, when the work is to be done, how the work is to be done, the amount to be paid for the work done, and the hours in which the work shall be done; and in addition, want to dictate how the workers shall live, where they shall live, and what they shall live on. The self-respecting men who work in metalliferous mines would not for a day stand any such impositions, and that coal miners do in every section of the world where coal is mined is inexplorable. The Tribune has no inside information from either the mine management or the miners.

His Solemn Oath.

A popular comedian, tells a story of a waiter at a London restaurant who was sadly given to drink. A party of young men determined to reform him, and one day they read to him an imaginary paragraph from a paper relating to a terrible accident in which an inebriate in blowing out a candle was killed by the flame igniting the alcoholic fumes of his breath. James pricked up his ears at this and requested that the paragraph might be read to him again, which was done to the evident horror of the poor man, who immediately went in search of a Bible.

Returning with this, he expressed a desire to take a solemn oath upon it, bemoaned the fact that he had been a sorry tippler and was bringing himself to ruin and then swore that never again so long as he lived would he attempt to blow out a candle.

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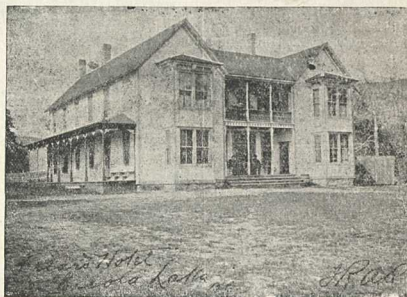
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DANGERS OF RADIUM.

Prof Crookes 'Discusses New Element
—Defends Old Light Theory.

Prof. Sir William Crookes, the well-known scientist, questions the report of the professors of the Electro-Technical Institute of St. Petersburg, which was deduced from experiments with radium, that the accepted theory of light is false. Prof. Crookes does not agree with the report, but admits that the discovery of radium has altered the views of scientists on many points. Referring to the properties of radium, he said to the interviewer:

"If half a kilogram were in a bottle on that table it would probably kill us both. It would almost certainly blind us and burn our skin to such an extent that we would not survive. The smallest bit placed on one's skin will raise a blister that will take months to heal.

"Radium emits electrons at such enormous velocity that the energy of one gram of electrons is sufficient to lift the whole of the British fleet to the top of Ben Nevis, and possibly the French fleet, too. The metal must always be a laboratory subject, but experiments with it may lead to important discoveries."

Remarking upon the extreme scarcity of radium and the costliness of its extraction from pitchblende, in which it is found in about the proportion of a grain to a ton. Prof. Crookes said that a kilogram would cost £400,000, but there is not so much as a kilogram in existence.

Rare Old Whisky.

A Manitoba editor says that he has two subscribers who frequently get full, and every time they are in that condition they come in and pay a year in advance. One of them is credited to 1941, and the fraternity throughout the Province are crazy to find out what brand of whisky he drinks. They want to offer it as a premium.

Answered by telephone: Parker—What's wrong? You seem excited Streeter—I am. I wrote two notes—one to my broker asking him if he took me for a fool, and the other to Miss Golding asking her if she would be mine. While I was out someone telephoned "Yes," and I don't know which of them it was—Chicago News.

Once there was a man who wasn't prepared to give advice on how newspapers should be run. But that was a long time ago.—Midway Dispatch.

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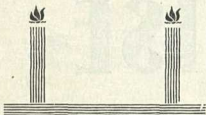
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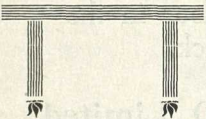
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