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The whole of Canada has been awakened to the necessity for a second trans continental railway. Its building will open up the great northland to settlement and development, besides giving competition in land and ocean rates to the various markets of the world. Unlike the Canadian Pacific during its construction, which purchased its equipment outside of Canada, the rails, locomotives and cars for the Grand Trunk Pacific will be made in Canadian manufactories, thus distributing many millions of dollars among the various industries. Construction will begin at the Pacific coast terminus as soon as work begins in the east, which will be in the early spring of next year. The large number of laborers required in its construction will tend to increase wages all over the Dominion. Even the Similkameen, remote as it is, will share in the general welfare consequent upon the vast expenditure of quite one hundred and fifty millions of dollars when all is complete. As was to be expected the Conservative opposition to this scheme is prompted by its relationship to the C.P.R. but the great mass of the people are in favor of a second transcontinental line and will support the government's railway policy.

Goat Held Dogs at Bay.

Up at Otter Flat the denizens of that sporting resort seem never to be at a loss for some excitement. With the hills abounding in all kinds of big game and Otter lake teeming with fowl and fish there is no lack of adventure to recount when tillicums meet under the hospitable roof of boniface DeBarro. Early the other morning everybody was awakened with a new sensation caused by the unearthly yelps of all sorts and conditions of dogs at a splendid buck goat on a big wood pile in the rear of the hotel. Every window flew up and a face presented to watch the fun of a scrambling, barking pack of curs as they charged and recoiled at his lordship on the pile. An onlooker was about to level his rifle at the goat but boniface stayed his hand. The goat grew tired of the howling mob and made a dash for them with such good effect that some are thought to be still a-running, while he is monarch of all he surveys in his mountain home. It is supposed the forest fires had driven him to the lake to escape the danger of which all wild animals are so sensitive.

Messrs. Begy and Merritt of St. Catharines, Ont. made a flying trip from Penticton to Nicola this week in connection with the Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen railway, of which they are promoters. They say the road will be built when the bonds are guaranteed and a bonus granted by the local government.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Town and District News of the Week Condensed into Pithy "Pars."

Bridge Burned Near Otter Flat—Violent Wind Uproots Trees—Hunting Season.

Monday being Labor day it is a lawful holiday throughout the Dominion.

The first bridge south of Otter Flat was burned on the 25th ult., thus causing delay in the arrival of the mail on Saturday last. It has since been replaced and the road is now all clear of debris brought down by burning timber. The welcome rain of Sunday and Monday has stopped the forest fires and relieved anxiety as to further damage.

The wind storm of last Sunday afternoon did some damage by upsetting fences, trees and a windmill. The wind came from the southwest in a succession of whirlwinds which lifted everything portable in its course. At one time the air was filled with the gyrating branches of trees and other loose material.

The close season for grouse and prairie chicken ended on the 31st August and remains open till 1st January. For deer, goat and sheep the close season is from 15th December to 31st August.

F. P. Cook of Granite creek returned this week from a summer's visit to England.

Visitors Made Record Time.

Arthur Hickling, T. G. Claudet and J. Bainbridge, of London, Eng., arrived in Princeton Tuesday night from Penticton having covered the distance of 70 miles over a mountainous road in one day. It was only by relays of horses and skilful driving that this record time was accomplished. Mr. Hickling, as managing director of the Vermilion Forks Mining Co., is here on his annual visit. He is a man of affairs and as such has many enterprises in hand throughout the Dominion and elsewhere which demand personal supervision and much travelling. However, neither the cares of business nor the cycles of time seem to affect his tenure on life. He is always welcomed to Princeton and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Waterman for the next couple of months. Mr. Claudet is a native of this province though a resident of London nearly all his life. He is a brother of the Mr. Claudet who introduced the Elmore oil process of smelting into the Rossland district. Mr. Bainbridge is a son of one of the largest shareholders in the V.F.M. Co. and is in this country seeing a bit of frontier life and hunting big game.

HEDLEY PARAGRAPHS

Buildings and Improvements Going on Briskly in the Smelter Town.

The Nickel Plate gives Steady Employment—Water and Light for Residents.

Hedley, Aug. 27.—Fronting upon Scott avenue on the corner above Messrs. Shatford & Co's store, and upon one of the most commanding and desirable building sites in town, there is being erected a fine two-storey building 22x50 feet. We understand that Major McGraw of Fairview will use part of the building for the newspaper and printing establishment which he intends starting here. Work on construction has so far advanced that use will be made of the building for the ball to be held here in connection with Labor day celebration now so near at hand.

A substantial addition is being made to the Commercial hotel to meet the requirements of an ever-increasing patronage. This addition will also be ready by Labor day.

Additions and other improvements to various buildings in town keep the available carpenters busy and it seems as though a building boom had struck town.

The quality of the lumber furnished by the sawmill company from logs obtained at Princeton is much superior to what has usually been available.

Mr. Wolff of the Granby smelter spent a week in town recently inspecting the various surrounding mineral properties. It is said that he will return again soon.

Wm. Armstrong and J. Digma have bought from L. C. Barnes of Penticton two six-horse teams and wagons, completely equipped for freighting, and are engaged hauling freight for the Daly Reduction Co. and other parties in town. We wish them every success in their enterprise.

Copious rain during the past few days has caused a largely increased flow of water in Twenty-Mile.

At the Nickel Plate mine steady work is going on. Pipes are being laid to supply the residents with water and the house are being wired for electric light. A few cars of ore are being sent down from the Sunnyside to the mill.

SKIP.

C. B. Harris has nearly finished grain harvesting and is well pleased with the results as the grain was saved in prime condition and is of good yield. He will have about a thousand bushels of grain for sale and will shortly begin threshing with a machine he acquired from Jack Thynne.

MINING NOTES.

Splendid Specimen from Summit—Native Copper Showing.

T. A. Rogers, of Boulder creek, leaves on Sunday for California owing to pressing business engagements. He is highly pleased with the development of the Cousin Jack on which some 300 feet of tunnelling has been made.

Dan Ross is considered a lucky man. He has a sample of ore which is going to the Spokane fair that represents a mine at Summit camp which assays 100 ounces of silver to the ton, besides gold and lead values. The ore is galena interspersed with zinc sulphide in a quartz gangue. Mr. Ross has exposed considerable body by an open cut and feels confident that development will prove it to be a mine in fact. Summit camp is about 30 miles northwest of Princeton and is in a section abounding with minerals.

Claude Snowden has been engaged by the executive of the board of trade to collect specimens of mineral for the Spokane fair.

All mineral specimens intended for the Spokane fair should be delivered at once to the government agent's office.

Wm. Britton and Dan Contenay came in from Champion creek on Wednesday where they have mineral locations. They show some pretty specimens of native copper taken from a sixty-foot ledge. Mr. Britton has other properties in that section on which he has done a large amount of work and which have all the ear marks of mines.

W. Yolen Williams, formerly manager of the Granby smelter, was at Bear creek recently inspecting mineral properties there in which he is interested. He is well satisfied with his investment and thinks Bear creek district ideal for prospecting.

Sizing Up the Country.

G. Brandt, of the firm of Johnson & Brandt, railway contractors on the Phoenix branch of the V.V. & E. and now under construction by the Great Northern, came in by last Saturday's stage. His attention was directed to the Similkameen by its reputed wealth in minerals and by the projected route of the railway from Midway west to the coast. Mr. Brandt is much pleased with Princeton and vicinity and predicts a great future for it and, as if to verify his faith he has invested in various properties. He sees nothing to prevent railway construction going on into the Similkameen as soon as the several contracts in the Boundary are completed this fall. He will go over the proposed route on his way to Grand Forks.

C. O. French returned from Nicola on Tuesday bringing with him some fine samples of ore and some luscious fruit either of which is enough to make any man smack his lips.

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SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

No other personality, living or dead, in this wide Dominion has ever been held in such high esteem and profound respect by the people as the present premier of all Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Other premiers had an ephemeral popularity born of certain idiosyncracies, but Sir Wilfrid's is founded on the enduring characteristics of goodness and genuine worth. In private life the personification of unaffected politeness, in public life he conquers his most vicious antagonist with charming courtesy no less than by his brilliant parries of debate. As an orator none have excelled and but few have equalled in the Canadian house of commons, while by foreign critics he is compared with the foremost statesmen of other countries. In England the leading paper said of him: "Laurier's name must live in the annals of the British Empire," this in recognition of his loyalty and ability in the cause of an united empire. The honors showered upon him while in England and France and upon his return to his native Canada were the spontaneous expressions of sincere friends and admirers.

Out of all the strife of over thirty years of political life he stands unique today in the history of Canadian premiers as one unblemished by the seductive influences of party, place or power. He has never deviated in all his honorable course on the turbulent sea of politics from those principles of truth and honesty which have defied the fierce onslaughts of opponents and shut the mouth of bitterest enemy. To all these estimable qualities is added his genius for statecraft which far transcends that of his cotemporaries and so eminently qualifies him for the leadership of the great governing party of a country which is progressing at a marvellous rate.

If the past record of a public man be any indication of his future course, and it is, no misgivings will disturb the minds of the people as to wise and economic government if Sir Wilfrid be spared to serve his country. In the sixty-third year of life he links two generations of Canadians together which have had ample opportunity of testing the

capabilities of the two great political parties—Liberal and Conservative. Himself a living exposition of Liberal doctrine he has practised the little that was worthy of emulation in the national policy enunciated by his immediate predecessors; for a Liberal cannot be hidebound or narrow. But he has originated a greater and better national policy than was ever dreamed of by the Conservatives. For the first time in the history of any colony he gave the motherland preferential trade in spite of the growls of foreign governments; he instituted a two-cent rate of postage throughout the Dominion and within the empire, all which indicates the laudable desire to unify the people, races and kindreds now forming the vast British empire. Though begotten of an alien race his loyalty is undisputed, for he thinks and acts imperially and thus proves his attachment to the crown. With him preferential trade with Britain counts for more in preserving imperial unity than battleships or contributions of money for war purposes and that opinion is concurred in by all true Liberals, for, to arm is to menace, as is observed in Europe today.

Within a year the people of Canada will again be asked to endorse the Liberal government at Ottawa with Sir Wilfrid Laurier as premier. Is he worthy of confidence, judged in the light of his past record? Has he proved a statesman commensurate with the growing needs of the country? Is his railway policy in the interests of the Dominion? There can be but one answer to these questions and it is in the affirmative. Electors of Similkameen and of Yale-Cariboo will do well not to reverse the verdict of former years—Liberalism and progress alone can satisfy their needs.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It has been reported by the Dominion analyst that out of 74 samples of jams and jellies analyzed by him only 14 were found to be pure. Enough poison is consumed by eating inferior jam to warrant immediate steps being taken by the government to stop its manufacture and consumption. If the vile stuff must be made it could be foisted upon the Thibetans with good effect as they are the only nation with whom the British are at war at present.

Did anyone say there was to have been a summer railway session, or was it a dream that Richard had?

Three doctors and an undertaker have run foul of the law in Victoria for making away with a cadaver contrary to regulations. Friends of the dead man went to the record office to look him up but found nothing, hence, legal proceedings.

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 a post placed ten chains south of the S.W. corner of lot 104, and running north 80 chains, west 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.
W. C. McDougall.
Dated July 23, 1904.

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 320 acres of mountain pasture land, described as follows: Commencing at a post marked A. J. S. N.E. corner, thence 80 chains west, 40 chains south, 80 chains east, 40 chains north, back to initial post, in all about 320 acres. Situate about 11 miles west of Princeton, and is bounded on the north side by the meandering line of the Tulameen river.
ALICE JAMES,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.
Dated this 14th day of August, 1904.

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 640 acres of crown lands for pasturing purposes, commencing at a post marked S. W. corner of lot 104, thence running 80 chains east, 80 chains south, 80 chains north, back to post, in all about 640 acres more or less.
M. KINGSTON,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.
Dated this 19th day of July, 1904.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of Crown lands for pasturing purposes. Commencing at a post marked E. M. W.'s S. W. corner, thence running 80 chains west, 40 chains north, 80 chains east, 40 chains south, back to point of commencement, in all 320 acres, more or less. This land is situated about 10 miles west of Princeton and is bounded on the south side by the meandering line of the Tulameen river.
J. M. WRIGHT,
C. O. FRENCH, agent.
Dated this 11th day of July, 1904.

NOTICE.

Copper, Glance, Azurite and Alpine mineral claims, situate in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district. Where located: On Copper mountain.
Take notice that I, F. W. Groves, acting as agent for John R. McKee, free miner's certificate No. B20253, 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 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.
Dated this 9th day of July, A.D. 1904.

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BY ORDER,
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A well situated vacant lot on Vermilion avenue or Bridge Street. State lowest price for cash. Give number of lot and block. Address I. NICHOLSON, P.O. Box 460, Victoria, B.C.

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NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To JAMES F. DICKSON, or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the High Ore and Margaret mineral claims, situate one mile north of Similkameen City, in Camp Hedley, in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district, British Columbia.

You are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of \$200 for work on the above mentioned claims and \$25 for recording the same for assessments, such being required and necessary to hold the said claims for the year ending July 31st and 27th June, 1904, respectively, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts; and if at the expiration of ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure, namely, \$102.50, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claims will become vested in me, (your co-owner) upon filing in the proper office in that behalf the affidavit required by Section 4 of the Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900.
Dated this 11th day of July, 1904.
HENRY A. WILLIAMS.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To ARCHIBALD GRANT or whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the Klondyke mineral claim, situate on Copper Mountain, and about ten miles from Princeton, in the Similkameen mining division of Yale district.

Take notice that after the publication hereof once each week for ninety days, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of the expenditure required by section 24 of the "Mineral Act," being chapter 135, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897, in respect of the Klondyke mineral claim, situate on Copper Mountain in the Osoyoos Mining Division of Yale District, British Columbia, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim shall become vested in your co-owner, Thomas F. McAlpin, of Princeton, Free Miner, who has made the required expenditure.
The amount due by you in respect of each of the said mineral claims, not including costs, is \$25.62 1/2.
Dated this 4th day of June, 1904.
THOS. J. McALPIN.

NOTICE of FORFEITURE

To W. E. WELBY and any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interests in the Elbe, Sunset, Maid of the Mist and War Cloud mineral claims situate at Camp Hedley in the Osoyoos mining division of Yale district.

You are hereby required to take notice that we have for the last two years done the whole of the assessment work on the above mentioned mineral claims as required by section 24 of the mineral act and have paid for recording the several certificates of such work, and you are hereby required to contribute your proportion of such work and expenditure together with all costs of advertising, your said proportion amounting to One Hundred and Fifty Nine Dollars (\$159.00), exclusive of costs.
If you fail or refuse to contribute your said proportion and all costs of advertising within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice in the Similkameen Star, which date is hereunder written, your interests in said mineral claims will become vested in us, your co-owners, under the provisions of the Mineral Act and Amending Acts.
Dated this 4th day of June, A.D. 1904.
H. W. YATES,
J. F. CAMPBELL.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days after 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:—
Situated on the right bank of One-Mile creek, 2 1/2 miles from Princeton, commencing at a post, and running south 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, east 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.
H. B. ANNON,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.
Located Aug. 7, 1904.

Commencing at the N.E. corner of H. B. Cannon's coal claim, and running 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, 80 chains east to point of commencement, containing 640 acres.
W. L. GERMAIN,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.
Located Aug. 7, 1904.

Commencing at the S.E. corner of W. L. Germain's coal claim, and running 80 chains east, 80 chains north, 80 chains west, 80 chains south, back to post, containing in all 640 acres.
A. F. McDONALD,
C. O. FRENCH, Agent.
Located, Aug. 7, 1904.

NOTICE.

THIRTY days from date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands in Yale division of Yale district:—
Commencing at a post marked J. Y. MacAdam's coal claim, S.E. corner, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, along south line of "Blakemore's" claim, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.
J. Y. MACADAM, Locator,
W. A. DAVIS, Agent.
Located June 16, 1904.

NOTICE.

Commencing at a post marked D. F. Campbell's coal claim, N.E. corner, running 80 chains west, south line of J. Y. MacAdam's claim, thence 80 chains south, thence 80 chains east, thence 80 chains north to place of commencement, containing 640 acres.
D. F. CAMPBELL, Locator,
W. A. DAVIS, Agent.
Located June 16, 1904.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

G. B. Tucker of Portland, Or., arrived in Princeton on Tuesday last on his first visit. He came to look over the country and on first impressions has decided to invest. Mr. Tucker is in touch with capitalists whose attention has been directed to the Similkameen by reason of its vast resources.

Jim Jameson proved his well known staying qualities as buckaroo on the back of a wild cayuse Thursday evening. The brute bucked stiff-legged, sideways, endways, lumpy-the-hoop and finally turned a somersault, but Jim never left the saddle. It was \$5 well earned and Jim asked tillucums to "take something" on the strength of the reward, which they were all pleased to do.

W. H. Kinneer, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Voigt, Copper mountain, for the past month, returned to Portland, Or., by Wednesday's stage.

F. Beglinger of Oshkosh, Wis., secretary of the Boulder Mining Co., arrived at the Cousin Jack camp last Saturday and was in town yesterday. Mr. Beglinger has never been so far from a railway before and the novelty produces a mental effect akin to being lost. He is very favorably impressed with the country and its resources.

A quiet wedding took place recently at Vernon in which the popular assayer of the Olalla Copper Mining Co., J. MacDonald, was united in marriage to Mrs. Beadles, who has many friends at Keremeos, where she has taught school for some time. The STAR, with many friends of the happy couple, congratulate.

It is satisfactory to note that work has been resumed on Copper mountain road by foreman Goldsborough, whose services it is hoped will be retained in building roads to other mining camps when this one is completed. The government is pledged to give roads and trails to mining camps and no time should be lost in making good those promises.

Gus Pouwels, Charlie Bonniyer and Billy Fearless arrived in from a prospecting trip and report the fires quenched by the recent rains.

For assailing J. Blackburn Archie Raspberry was fined \$100 and he and J. Blackburn bound over to keep the peace for one year at Nicola.

A. Gallinger was in town Friday on a business visit.

A General Banking Business

A general banking business transacted by the Bank of Hamilton. Capital all paid up, \$2,229,280.00. Reserve fund and surplus profits, \$2,067,080.95. Interest allowed on Savings bank deposits of one dollar and upwards from date of deposit to date of withdrawal. A. H. SKEY, Agent, Kamloops, B.C.

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 640 acres of mountain pasture land, situated and adjoining Brandt's purchase on north line and running along C. Summers's (Lot 112), thence south 20 chains, west 20 chains, north 20 chains, east 20 chains, back to point of commencement, 640 acres.
G. BRANDT, Locator.
Dated this 1st of September, 1904.

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 40 acres of mountain pasture land, situated and adjoining Brandt's purchase on north line and running along C. Summers's (Lot 112), thence south 20 chains, west 20 chains, north 20 chains, east 20 chains, back to point of commencement, 40 acres.
IVER PAULSEN, Locator.
Dated this 1st of September, 1904.

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Humorous.

"By George, that Mrs. Ka Flippe is a stunning woman, isn't she?" "I should think so. She hit me with her automobile the other day and it was three hours before I woke up."

Jinks—I've ridden on this line for five months and never offered a woman a seat. Jenks—How do you manage it? Jinks—Never had a seat to offer.

Captain—Sergeant, note down Private Dobbs three days on bread and water for slovenly turning out on parade. Sergeant—Beg pardon, captain, that won't make the slightest difference to him. He's a vegetarian. Captain—What! Then put him on meat and soup for three days.

This story is told of a Washington school principal who was trying to make clear to his class the fundamental doctrines of the Declaration of Independence: "Now, boys," he said, "I will give you each three ordinary buttons. Here they are. You must think of the first one as representing Life, of the second one as representing Liberty, and the third one as representing the Pursuit of Happiness. Next Sunday I will ask you each to produce the three buttons and tell me what they represent." The following Sunday, in accordance with his plan, the teacher interrogated his class on the subject of the buttons. "Now Jacky," he said to the youngest member, "produce your three buttons and tell me what they stand for." Whereupon the youngster began to weep. "I ain't got 'em all," he sobbed, holding out two of the buttons. "Here's Life an' here's Liberty, but mommer sewed the Pursuit of Happiness on my pants."

She—It is said that women are neater and cleaner than men. He—And yet you'll go right out on the street with a long train and make a sweeping denial of that statement.

Ernestine—How did your automobile elopement turn out? Myrtilla—Awfully sad. Ernestine—How was that? Myrtilla—Why, Harry had only \$10 when we started and after some rural Sheriff fined him the full amount for fast riding he didn't have any left for the license or preacher.

J. Pierpont Morgan is gifted with a great deal more of humor than is generally known. Not long ago, while in London, he was introduced to a woman who made some pretensions to peerage. "Pardon me," said the woman, laughingly, "to which Morgans do you belong?" "Oh, we are an independent branch," replied Mr. Morgan, slyly, "but we date back to the Norman kings." "Ah, then you have a coat of arms?" Mr. Morgan dug down into his pocket and brought forth a shining American \$20 gold piece. "This," he said, "is our coat of arms; a few other families have adopted the same emblem. But," he continued, confidentially, "we are gathering them in as fast as possible."

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CONSERVATIVE FORECAST.

Liberals Will Have Victory in the General Elections.

As to prospects of the Liberal party in the country generally when the appeal shall be taken to the people Liberals have no misgivings whatever. Making due allowance for the illisiveness of political sentiment, they do not apprehend how they can possibly be defeated. The Toronto News, edited by J. S. Willison, the property of a Conservative, says it does not see where the Conservatives can expect to make gains to justify hopes of success. It thinks the Tories may manage to hold a majority in Ontario, but it points out that Ontario "seems to have lost its old ascendancy in national affairs." The News further says: "But while the opposition will carry Ontario, even if the Grand Trunk should enter the contest in support of the ministerial candidates, the Liberal forces in Quebec seem to be unbroken. Mr. Tarte has ceased to be a political factor; Sir Wilfrid Laurier's supremacy stands unchallenged. It is conceded also that Mr. Fielding, even though he must face the leader of the opposition, has lost none of his strength in Nova Scotia and that large Conservative gains there are improbable. In New Brunswick the government may do as well as four years ago. Mr. Emerson, although he has done better in parliament than was expected, is not such a past master in the science of electioneering as Mr. Blair, nor has he the force and authority in New Brunswick which the former minister of railways exercised. The Liberals of Prince Edward island must feel the loss of Sir Louis Davies, but the island is naturally Liberal, and the chances are that its representation in parliament will remain practically unchanged. The Conservatives seem to look for their chief gains in Ontario, in New Brunswick and in the west. It seems to be admitted that in Manitoba the voters' lists were neglected by the Liberals, and that the Conservatives are likely to improve their position. In the territories the government has nominated excellent candidates, and Liberals seem confident that they will carry the bulk of the seats."

The News believes British Columbia is one of the most uncertain quantities in the situation, an opinion which shows it is anxious to give the Conservative party the benefit of every doubt. Our contemporary is badly informed upon the political situation here. British Columbia is as solidly Liberal as it was in 1900. The contrast between the treatment the province has received from the present government and the neglect of our interests under a former regime has operated principally to produce this result, but the policy of the McBride administration in opposing the lead bounty and all other movements proposed for the benefit of the province as a whole, simply because they originated with Liberal representatives and were accepted by a Liberal government, has not been the least of the factors in making British Columbia solid in its support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—Victoria Times.

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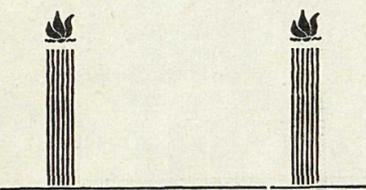
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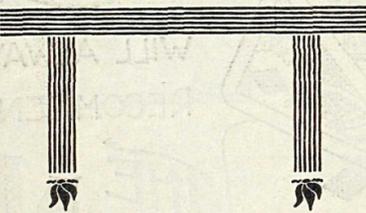
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