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1. To revise the Voters' Lists.
2. To actively assist in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the Province, and the building of Provincial trunk roads of public necessity.
3. To provide for the official inspection of elevators and hoisting gear.
4. To improve the administration of justice and secure the speedy disposition of legal disputes.
5. To provide an effective system for the settlement of disputes between capital and labor by compulsory arbitration.
6. To adopt the principle of Government ownership of railways, in so far as the circumstances of the Province will admit; and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the Government of the Province the control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.
7. To assume control and administration of the fisheries within the boundaries of the Province.
8. To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the Province.
9. To make the London Agency of British Columbia effective in proclaiming the natural wealth of the Province and as a place for the profitable investment of capital.
10. In the interest of labor, the Liberal Conservative Party sympathizes with and endorses the principle of the Eight-Hour Law. That the Eight-Hour Law for mine-workers be retained as it stands in its entirety and no modification permitted, and the same be strictly enforced. That the Law shall remain upon the Statute Book with its penalty clauses.
11. To provide an improved system of education.
12. To recognize and reform the system of Provincial aid to medical men and hospitals in the outlying parts of the Province.
13. To actively support the advancement of the mining interests of British Columbia.
14. To aid in the immigration of female servants.
15. To bring pressure to bear upon the Dominion Government to enact legislation excluding and prohibiting Mongolian and other Asiatic labor.
16. To provide a fair and equitable redistribution bill on the basis of population.

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A PATRIOTIC CONCERT

BEST AFFAIR EVER GIVEN IN THE TOWN.

The Hall Crowded to the Doors—Brilliant Success in Every Particular—Close to Two Hundred Dollars Realized for the Canadian Fund.

The general verdict of those present at the patriotic concert, on Friday night last, was that it was the best and most successful entertainment ever given in this town. Moreover, it leads the Slocan camp as the banner producer of funds to the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Standing room in the Music Hall was at a premium and the audience showed their keen sympathy with the cause and their appreciation of the performers' efforts in no unmistakeable manner. Encores were frequent and graciously acceded to.

Judging from the great enthusiasm shown, it was quite evident the citizens of Slocan have the weal of their country at heart and no more loyal subjects of "Good Queen Vic" are to be found anywhere. The programme was surcharged with patriotism, and performers and audience alike rose to the occasion in grand style. This, perhaps, was aided somewhat by the elaborate decorations of the hall, where bunting, banners and pic tures tended strongly to draw the attention of all to the cause in hand. In fact, the whole town was decorated during the day, all serving to enhance the importance of the occasion. Much of the success of the affair was due to the indefatigable efforts of Hiram J. Robertson and J. A. Anderson, with the hearty assistance of the ladies of the town.

Rev. Mr. McKee was chairman of the concert and right well did he attend to his duties. Each number on the programme was given with a snap and vim, and the interest therein never flagged. It was exceedingly well balanced, there not being a weak spot discernible. Rev. Mr. Roberts and Miss Purdy, New Denver, were towers of strength to the programme. The balance was of home production and fully up to the standard. Following is the programme given:—

Selection, Orchestra
Address, The Chairman
Quartette, Messrs. Moir, Worden, Felt and Smitheringale.
Solo, Mr. Moir
Recitation, Rev. Mr. McKee
Solo, Mr. Smitheringale
Piano solo, Mrs. Adcock
Solo, Miss Purdy
Recitation,—original—R. T. Anderson
Solo, Mr. Worden

PART TWO.

Selection, Orchestra
Solo, Mr. Arnot
Duet, Messrs. Worden & Smitheringale
Solo, Mr. Hall
Solo and chorus, Miss Purdy, Mrs. Felt, Messrs Worden and Moir.
Solo, Mr. Smitheringale
Club swinging, Rev. Mr. Roberts
Quartette, Messrs. Worden, Moir, Felt and Smitheringale
God Save the Queen.

At the conclusion of the programme E. J. Felt took charge of the refreshments, auctioning them off to the highest bidder. He proved himself a past master at the job, realizing in the neighborhood of $100 by the performance. Following this interesting item came a dance, which was kept up till a late hour. Taking all in all it was a most brilliant affair and successful to the highest degree. A 24th of May celebration could not even surpass it in the general satisfaction. To Miss Bennett, the untiring and accomplished accompanist, is due a great deal of credit and praise, as her portion of the performance was laborious and exacting, but she acquitted herself faultlessly.

Appended is one of the original poems delivered on the occasion by the Lemon creek poet:

WE'RE BLYTHE TAE BE BRITONS FOR A' THAT!

There's a wheen folk today that are aye
findin' faut
Wi' the way things are rin, an' the way
they are not;
Wha claim that the government's a' gaed
tae rot:
Bit we're blythe tae be Britons for a'
that!

They're a douse set o' folk, wi' cantankerous airs,
That are aye keekin' intae a people's
affairs,
An' mistrustin' that a' folk are mindin'
o' their's;
They're a gay lot o' Britons and a' that!

They've a hantle o' strange socialistical
views,
An' they gie them an airin' whenever
they choose,
Tae the manifest int'rest o' honest True
Blues;
Bit we're blythe tae be Britons for a'
that!

An' noo they are waur than ever afore,
An' their herts sare depress'd wi' this
bluid-thirsty war
Wi' the puir, simple, innocent, pastoral
Boer;
Bit we're blythe tae be Britons for a'
that!

They gae roun' wi' their faces like
straughtin' boards a',
An' expressions as blank as a hole in a
wa',
An' look for a day when the Empire will
fa';
Strange, that we should be Britons for
a' that!

An' puir Joey Chamberlain suffers the
maist,
For he brocht it a' on that the Empire's
disgraced.
Puir mon! It's a wunner, sae muckle
he's faced
An' remained a true Briton for a' that!

Bit a' folk an' a' things come in for a
share
O' the blame for this scandalous, awfu'
affair,
Yet for a' that we wave the auld flag in
the air,
For we're blythe tae be Britons for a'
that!

We hae lads at the front for tae dare an'
tae do,
An' they gaed there on purpose tae see
the thing thro';
An' they're fechtin', they ken, for a
cause that is true,
An' they mean tae be Britons an' a'
that!

Late men think as traitors an' talk what
they please,
Till their herts wither up wi' that blackest disease;
Bit proudly we'll fling oor auld flag tae
the breeze,
For we're blythe tae be Britons an' a'
that!

R. T. ANDERSON.

Lemon Creek, April 8, 1900.

TAMARAC BONDED.

This Well-Known Property Passes Into Good Hands.

For some time past a deal has been in course of negotiation on the Tamarac group, and it was brought to a successful finale last week. The deal was put through by Geo. Aylard, of New Denver, acting for John A. Finch. The sellers are well-known local men, who asked to have their names kept silent, as well as the amount of the bond. However, the bond extends over a period of nine months, and is a bona fide affair. It is for a substantial amount

The claims included in the deal are the Tamarac, Tamarac Fraction and Falls View. They are situated about four miles up Springer creek, on the north side, and are readily accessible from town. On Saturday three men went up to the property to commence work, with a full train load of supplies. R. M. Covington has received the contract to work the group. In a month or so new cabins will be built and the force increased. The present quarters will only accommodate seven or eight men.

The property is a good one and has fine showings of ore. A carload was shipped to the smelter at Nelson last summer and netted the owners $1100 over all expenses. It carries $7 per ton in gold. Two more carloads of ore is lying on the dump. The new owners will systematically develop the Tamarac and make a mine out of it.

Conservative Caucus.

Monday night an important meeting of the Conservative Association was held in the committee rooms and was largely attended. Among those present were Alex. Lucas, organizer of the province, and F. C. Sewell, secretary of the Sandon Association. Mr. Lucas is of the opinion that the Conservatives will carry at least 25 seats out of the 38 on June 9. He also announced that Chas. Wilson, leader of the party, would be here at an early date. The local association endorsed the Sandon call for a convention to select a candidate on May 9, at Sandon. The local association will meet Saturday night to instruct their delegates.

More Ore Showing.

Frank Provost and Jackson Radcliff came down from the Black Hussar on Saturday and report their recent strike getting better. During the last month they have run 64 feet of tunneling, their work being confined now to drifting either way on the lead. Frank has had ore right along in the east drift and it is getting more solid. He brought down a fine big sample, which is full of grey copper. The ore is widening on the foot and has extended to the roof. Radcliff's round of holes Saturday morning also broke into galena in the west drift, so that both are now facing in mineral.

Oddfellows' Anniversary.

Sunday afternoon last the Oddfellows of the town, with a number of visiting brethren, marched in a body to the Presbyterian church to celebrate the 81st anniversary of the founding of the order. The brethren presented an imposing appearance on the parade, which was witnessed by a large crowd. At the church Rev. C. F. Yates, of New Denver, conducted the service, according to the ritual of the Anglican body, and preached a stirring and practical sermon upon Oddfellowship. The edifice was crowded to the doors.

A TEN MILE STRIKE.

Eighteen Inches of Galena Tapped on the Victor.

A very good strike of ore was unexpectedly made last week on the Victor, situated about five miles up Ten Mile creek, on the north side. It is being worked by Thomas Lloyd and Morris Davis, of New Denver, under a year's option and lease. The former was in town Saturday with samples of the rock, which he brought down to show his Slocan co-owners in the property.

About a month ago a new opening was commenced 60 feet farther down the hill, and in 25 feet the hanging wall was cut. Here they broke into ore at once, it being a heavy galena. The top openings showed a dry ore and it was this they were after. The galena is in a paystreak 18 inches in width. The crosscut is being pushed to the foot wall, 20 feet away, and there also good ore is looked for. The Victor has had a great deal of work done on it and is considered one of the best properties on Ten Mile. The dry ore carried is heavily charged with native silver and gives high returns. On the dump is lying several tons of this ore. The lessees will make a shipment of ore during the summer.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is the standing of the pupils in the various divisions of the Public School for the month of April:

SENIOR DIVISION. Class V—Russel Robertson, A. Bull, K. Shook.

Class IV—Lottie York, Florence Bull, Kate Foley.

Class III., senior—C. Foley, Alma Baty, Alma Ross.

Class III., junior—Hazel Wichman H. Lindow, Nettie Bull.

JUNIOR DIVISION. Class II—Fannie Robertson, Gertrude Foley, Joseph Stephenson.

Class I—Mary Bimish, A. McCallum Annie Rae.

II. Primer—R. Smith, Mildred Lavell, H. Hall.

I. Primer—Bertha Smith, May Bull, Ada York.

Tablet Class—Lizzie Rae, Mary Murray, Cassie Long.

POWDER WILL BE CHEAP.

Powder is going to be cheap in Kootenay this summer, so cheap that the manufacturers will make but little out of it. This situation is due to the establishment of the new works near Nelson of the Ontario Powder Co. The California Giant Powder Co. and the Hamilton Powder Co. can not get the Eastern Canucks to combine with them, so they are endeavoring to run them out by cutting prices. Local agents have received word that powder has dropped two cents a pound, which makes it retail here at $7.75 per case. The Ontario Powder Co. people say they will have a share of the trade and will meet every cut, so that the prospects are very bright for cheap powder this summer.

Strike on Enterprise.

Good luck has come to the Enterprise under the new management, the latest being the striking of a fine chute of ore in the No. 1 drift. This tunnel had ore from the surface for a short distance and then came a long stretch of barren ledge, which led many to think the ground contained but one chute and that it splintered to the surface at the bottom end of the group. The recent strike on the Iron Horse, situated below the Enterprise, encouraged the company to go on with the drift, and on Friday last the men broke into ore. Foreman Roberts, who went through here Monday to Nelson, had several specimens with him. The ore shows native silver freely sprinkled through. Mr. Roberts stated the showing was a beauty and greatly encouraging.

Ore Body Widening.

Recent visitors to the Iron Horse claim, Ten Mile, state the recent strike there is looking better. The owners are still sinking on the winze and are meeting with the best of results. The ore body has widened out to 12 inches of solid mineral, and it shows every indication of still further widening. It has greatly improved in quality also.

As we go to press, word has been received from Mayor Pitts, of Sandon, stating that that city has been completely destroyed by fire.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY THIS DIVISION.

We Lead the Entire Lake Country—Bad Roads Repaired and Ore Beginning to Move Freely Again—Enterprise Making a Big Splurge.

Repairs have been effected to the Ten Mile road and it is now in better shape than before. The fine weather has dried up the ground and a long and steady season is in prospect. Ore is coming down from the Enterprise at the rate of a carload a day, making things pretty lively on the creek. During the week 140 tons of ore has gone out and it is the intention of the company to increase the output. More men have been added to the force and stoping will be rushed. Lots of ore is being taken out at the Arlington, but none will be shipped for some time to come.

Following is a list of the shipments this year to date:

MINE.	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Enterprise	140	440
Arlington		300
Black Prince		60
	140	800

MINES AND MINING.

Miners are reported scarce in the camp.

The Enterprise has largely increased its force.

The Slocan ore shipments this year are in excess of 6,600 tons.

The Slocan lifted ore from the Bosun and Wakefield this week.

Frank Wells will commence work next week on the Hydrabad, Ten Mile.

W. C. E. Koch has five four-horse teams hauling ore from the Enterprise.

Money and supplies were collected Tuesday for repairing the Lemon creek trail.

The boys from the Rainbow came down Saturday night and reported things to be improving.

Frank Woods has sold his tenth interest in the Last Chance to Dr. Hendricks, of Minneapolis, for $100,000.

J. T. Beauchesne and J. Livingstone left yesterday with supplies to do work on the Killarney, Lemon creek.

A dozen men came in from Nelson yesterday bound for the Enterprise. They were in charge of Foreman Roberts.

Bob Cooper and Harry Gibson left on Wednesday night to do assessment on a claim above the Oregon City, Ten Mile.

W. Roberts, foreman at the Enterprise, passed through here Monday for Nelson to hire 20 more men for the Enterprise.

Manager DuBois states the Arlington people will wait to see what the government will do ere building the Springer road.

Ore shipments at the various lake ports are increasing so rapidly that the Slocan is finding difficulty in handling the traffic.

The route for the proposed Lemon creek road has been carefully examined of late, and there are no great difficulties to master.

Reports are current that the Arlington is contracting to ship 50 carloads of ore. The management does not confirm the rumors.

Mulvey & Clement will do more work on the Morning Star. They will continue the main drift, which is now in 50 feet on the lead.

Frank Dick will send supplies tomorrow to the north fork of Lemon, where he and his partners will do a great deal of surface work.

H. J. Robertson has been busy during the week manufacturing air pipe for the Chapleau. He has also been sending pipe to the Kilo, and he will send some to the Smuggler.

Messrs. Taylor and Lambert have received the balance of the money due on the purchase price of the Excelsior shares, Camp Mansfield. The sum was about $30,000 and was cabled from England by Mansfield.

Work at the Smuggler.

Alex. Stewart, who has been working at the Smuggler all winter, came down Monday He reports the grasp of winter to be relaxing somewhat up there, though there is still from 15 to 20 feet of snow. Both drifts at the mine are keeping in ore, the upper one having 2½ feet and the lower 14 inches. New workings are to be commenced at once lower down the hill. Fourteen men are employed at the mine.

BIG OPERATIONS

Trying to Take the Boer Convoys--Repulse at Mafeking.

London, May 2.—It is difficult to unravel the tangled stories coming from the neighborhood of Thabanchu, but apparently the British forces are engaged in a movement having for its object the hemming in of the Boers still in that district. While Generals French and Rundle are holding the Boers at Thabanchu, General Broadwood's cavalry has been pushing on Hout nek in the hope of intercepting the federal convoys between Ladybrand and Winburg. As Gen. Botha has been reinforced there is every prospect of sharp fighting.

The new scene of operations and the general movements of the various columns are taken to indicate that Lord Roberts is deploying his army preparatory to beginning his northern march.

It now seems likely that it is the commander-in-chief's intention to advance simultaneously from Kimberly, Bloemfontein and Ladysmith, with the view of preventing the Boers from concentrating their forces at any given point.

Will End in Six Weeks.

A dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated yesterday, chronicles the prevailing opinion among the townspeople there than the war is not likely to last more that six weeks after the British advance shall begin.

Kruger Says British Must Leave.

A dispatch from Pretoria gives the text of President Kruger's proclamation, expelling British subjects from the Transvaal. It says:

"As numerous burghers insist upon the removal of the British and as the government is desirous of complying with the wishes of the burghers and others favorable to the republic, all Britishers residing in the district and town of Pretoria and the Witwaters Rand gold fields, must leave the state within 36 hours from noon April 30. Exception will be made in the case of those obtaining special permits."

Casualty List at Thaba Nchu.

Lord Roberts forwards a list of Ian Hamilton's force on April 30 as follows: Killed—Major Showers, Lieutenant Parker and one private. Wounded—Four officers and five men. Missing—Two officers and ten men.

Mafeking's Gallant Defense.

A dispatch from Mafeking, describing the Boers attack on April 11, says:

"The bombardment of the Creusots was the hottest of the siege. Many shells entered the hospital and women's laager. Under cover of the artillery a large force commanded by Cronje the younger, including the German corps, advanced close to Fort Abrams. The garrison lay low until the Boer force was at close range, when they fired a volley, killing five and wounding many. The attack was repulsed. The bombardment then ceased. The Boers, under a Red Cross flag, were permitted later to recover their dead."

The Queen Inspects Naval Brigade

Windsor is in holiday attire today and decorated from end to end, in honor of the naval brigade of the British cruiser Powerful, which assisted in the defense of Ladysmith. The naval men have been summoned to the palace to be inspected by the queen. The band of the Grenadier Guards met the naval brigade at the railroad station and played them to the castle through cheering throngs of people. Capt. Lambton and the officers of the Powerful were presented to her majesty, who thanked Capt. Lambton and the brigade for their noble services to the empire. The captain replied that what they had done was nothing to what the navy was prepared to do for her majesty. The queen saw the blue jackets entertained at dinner.

Forced a Way Through.

Thaba Nchu, May 2. Afternoon.—General Hamilton's division was engaged yesterday and today in forcing a passage northward. At Houtnek the Boer front had a line of hills commanding the sides of the nek. The Canadians and Gordens attacked the hill to the left, and the Shropshires and Marshall's horse, supported by a battery, also made an attack on the enemy, who eventually fled, leaving many wounded, and the passage was cleared.

The Boers on the mountain are now shelling the outlying camp, necessitating removal to another place. The Boers have three guns on the hill to the eastward of this place, outside the range of the British artillery. The Boer shelling is not doing any damage. The enemy retained their positions and the British are not attempting to dislodge them.

General Hamilton, by reaching Houtnek, after a full day's fighting, secured the Thaba Nchu-Bloemfontein road.

HAVING A HARD MARCH

Second Contingent Wading Through Rain, on Short Rations.

Toronto, May 1.—The Globe correspondent with the second contingent, in a letter from Van Wycks Vlei, Cape Colony, dated April 24, says:

Private Bradley of Ottawa died of pneumonia, the result of being thrown into the water by a horse which he was riding.

"Fearful rain, almost impassable roads and threatened shortage of provisions and storage are characterizing the march. These hardships are beginning to tell. We left nineteen men in the hospital at Carnarvon and another hospital has been established here.

"Private Hopkins, D battery, accidentally discharged his revolver, the bullet taking effect in his knee. The wound is not dangerous.

"Lieut.-Col. Herchmer has taken a staff appointment at Capetown and Major Howe is now commanding the Canadian rifles."

Recruits for Strathconas Sail

Montreal, May 1.—The 50 recruits for Strathcona's Horse, now in South Africa, sailed by the Dominion liner Vancouver, Capt. McDonald, from this port this morning. They go to Liverpool, whence they go to Southampton and from there by steamer to Capetown.

LATEST STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	28	20
B. C. Gold Fields	4	3
Big Three	7	5
Brandon & Golden Crown.	22	19
Canadian Gold Fields	6½	5½
Cariboo [Camp McKinney]	$1 00	87¼
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	$35 50	$30 00
Deer Trail No. 2	9½	8½
Deer Park [new]	2	
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	10½	9
Fairmont		
Giant	2½	2
Homestake	2	
Iron Mask	48	39½
Iron Colt	7	
I. X. L.	17	
Iron Horse		
Jim Blaine	17½	15
Jumbo	25	
King (Oro Denoro)	11	8½
Knob Hill	60	50
Lone Pine Consol	15	12½
Minnehaha	5	2
Monte Christo	4	3
Montreal Gold Fields	7	4
Morrison	3½	2½
Mountain Lion	93	75
Noble Five	4	2
Northern Belle	2	1½
Novelty	2½	
Okanogan	2¼	1½
Old Ironsides	80	70
Palmer Mountain	21	16
Peoria Mines	2	
Princess Maud	7	
Rambler-Cariboo	26½	25
Rathmullen	3¼	2¾
Republic	$1 08	$1 03
St. Elmo Consolidated	3½	2
Smuggler	1¾	
Tamarac [Kenneth]	6	4¾
Trail Creek Hld. Treas	3½	
Van Anda	4	2½
Victory-Triumph	3	1¾
Virginia	3	2¼
War Eagle Consolidated	$1 46½	$1 40
Waterloo	6½	4
White Bear	2¼	1½
Winnipeg	14	12
Wonderful	4	

Ledge Struck in the Arthur.

The ledge was struck in the crosscut tunnel in the Arthur mine at a distance of 68 feet. It was struck n the roof from the footwall side side and has not yet been cut clear across, as it pitches away from the tunnel, which follows a calcite seam. The ore is iron and copper sulphides, carrying gold. No assays will be made until the hanging wall has been reached, when a general sample will be taken. The ledge will then be followed by a drift northward.

Must Not Ask Questions.

Lisbon, May 2.—The chamber of deputies has refused almost unanimously to permit Deputy Costa to interpellate the government regarding the Beira matter.

SACRED WRITINGS

Re-Discovery of Letters of Christ and King Agrippa.

New York, May 2.—The Herald and the Journal and Advertiser print today special cables from London and Rome respectively, which say that two letters, one from King Agrippa to Christ and the other from the Savior to the king in reply—letters referred to by Eusebius in the fourth century—have been discovered after being lost 903 years. The letter from King Agrippa to Christ reads:

"I have heard of Thee and the cures wrought by Thee without herb or medicine, for it is reported that Thou restorest sight to the blind and makest the lame walk, cleanest the leper, raisest the dead, castest out devils and unclean spirits and healest those that are tormented of diseases of a long continuance. Hearing all this of Thee, I was fully persuaded that Thou art the very God come down from heaven to do such miracles, or that Thou art the Son of God and performest them. Therefore I have sent Thee a few lines entreating Thee to come hither and cure my diseases. Besides, hearing that the Jews murmur against Thee and continue to do Thee mischief, I invite Thee to my city, which is but a little one, but is beautiful and suffiient to entertain us both."

Christ's reply to the above reads:

"Blessed art thou for believing Me, whom thou hast not seen, for it is written of Me that they that have seen Me shall not believe, and they that have not seen Me shall believe and be saved. But concerning the matter thou hast written about, this is to acquaint thee that all things for which I was sent hither must be fulfilled and then I shall be taken up and return to Him that sent me. But after My ascension I will send one of My disciples that shall cure thee of thy distemper and give life to all them that are with thee."

The Journal and Advertiser says:

"The special cable from Rome purports to prove the truth of a tradition that is almost as ancient as Christianity. Of course the Journal cannot vouch for the truth of the statements which were made yesterday, April 30, by Professor Brohmann of the Vienna university, to the Archeological congress in Rome, but they are of intense interest."

New Mining Machinery Ordered.

A ten-drill compressor has been ordered for the Sullivan mine at Fort Steele. A hoist and boiler have been ordered for the Royal Victoria Gold Mines near Grand Forks.

B.C. MINE HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Forest Fire Almost Reaches Powder House and Shaft House.

Grand Forks, May 2.—The office, shaft and powder houses of the B. C. mine in Summit camp had a narrow escape from destruction by fire yesterday. A heap of brush along the railway spur near the dump was being burned, and the sparks carried by the wind ignited the adjacent dry grass, trees, cordwood, stumps etc. Soon it extended over several acres. The heat was terrific.

All the miners above ground were formed into a bucket brigade, directed by Superintent Scrafford and Accountant Mackintosh.

A fire hose did good service but the flames were not checked until they had reached within twenty feet of the powder house, where thousands of pounds of explosives were stored. One shack was destroyed, and the occupant, a miner, had a narrow escape. Standing on the spur were a number of cars loaded with dynamite. They received a scorching, but were shifted down the track in time.

After half an hours work the wind shifted in an opposite direction. The fire then swept through dry trees and finally exhausted itself in the green timber. Several acres were swept over.

At one time it looked as though the fire would extend across the hill to Summit city. Mr. Mackintosh sent a warning and Colonel Haywood and the inhabitants turned out prepared for any emergency.

A MISTAKEN VIEW.

In the debate in parliament on the amendment to the Cape Scott & Comox railroad bill excluding Chinese and Japanese from employment on the road, Mr. Bell, of Prince Edward Island, said:

"It would be contrary to our interests to do what would be construed as an act of hostility by the people of either country, and this house ought to hesitate before committing itself to an act which would involve a policy of hostility against any country with which we have trade relations, and with which we hope to have better trade relations in the future.

"There is another reason. The Canadian Pacific railway has been built across this country largely by Chinese labor. At any rate, its construction has been expedited by Chinese labor. All the railways across the American continent have been built largely by Chinese labor. These Chinese, say what you like about them, have been a great benefit to this continent, and, I think, it would be ungrateful on our part, not to recognize the benefit these people have done in the past, and attempt to exclude them from working on the construction of railways. I do not think it will be in the interests of the country or even the province of British Columbia, to take the step proposed by this amendment, and for these reasons I am opposed to it."

In the language of the street, this is all tommyrot. In the first place, there is no reason to believe that, if the matter were taken up properly by the Dominion and imperial governments, any serious feeling of hostility would result in China and Japan. The United States excludes Chinese, but is still on friendly terms with China, their citizens obtaining railroad and other concessions there. If the British government goes about exclusion in a proper manner, so that the Chinese and Japanese governments will not regard its action as a slap in the face, no hostile feeling would ensue.

As to the alleged debt of gratitude due the Chinese for building the C. P. R., that is a fiction. While the Chinese were paid lower wages than are current in this country for white men, they were paid much more than they would have received in their own country. They got their money and most of them took it back to China and no gratitude goes along with it. Certainly, none is due those who are coming in now. If there should be any shortage of labor in Canada, it can be made up in the United Kingdom or the United States, among white men.

The trouble with Mr. Bell and men from his section is that they know nothing about the Chinese question from personal observation and have their head full of fine-spun ideas which they would promptly abandon, if called upon to put them in practice for themselves. It is simply a question whether British Columbia shall be a British colony or a colony where the white men shall be gradually swamped by a growing population of an inferior, alien civilization, which neither would nor should become amalgamated with our own.

THE NEW RECTOR COMING.

Brandford, Ont., May 1.—Rev. Henry Headley, of the Anglican church in this city, left here yesterday for Rossland B. C. where he intends to reside.

AWFUL DISASTER

Already 137 Bodies Have Been Taken From Utah Coal Mine.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 2.—Two hundred or more lives were lost in the explosion in mine No. 4 of the Pleasant Valley Coal company yesterday at Schofield, Utah. One hundred and thirty-seven bodies have already been recovered. The work of rescuers is still proceeding although there is no hope that any of the men who are unaccounted for escaped death. The scene of the disaster is just outside this place on the line of the Rio Grande Western railroad.

The explosion which occured in the winter quarters of the mines is attributed by some to the blowing up of a number of cans of blasting powder. A special train was sent from Salt Lake bearing Superintendent Sharpe, of the coal company, Superintendent Wilby of the railroad company, and some doctors.

As fast as bodies are reached they are taken to the boarding houses and other company buildings, where they are dressed and prepared for the coroner's inquest.

These buildings are numerous and in each are from 10 to 15 bodies which are laid in long rows. To those which have been identified are tags with names and addresses. These await the coming of relatives or friends. Two hundred coffins have been ordered through local undertakers to be sent at once to the scene of the disaster.

A Good Showing.

The following is the record of the business done at the Rossland custom house in April by Collector Macdonald, as furnished by C. G. Ross, the chief clerk:

IMPORTS.

Dutiable	$40,384.00
Free	6,343.00
Total imports	$46,727.00
Total collections	$10,323.70

The following is a comparison of imports and duty collections during the first four months of 1899 and the corresponding period of 1900:

	Imports.	Duty.
1899	$234,606.00	$46,647.27
1900	229,449.00	$47,255.46

Exports, April, 1900.

Copper	636,985 lbs.	$145,481
Lead	763,680 lbs.	109.625
Pyritic ore	6,595 t'n.	184,244
All other exports		3,806
Total exports		$443.156

This is well above the average. It has twice only been exceeded, in June, 1899, with $471.240, and in November, 1899, with $460.412.

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

The reports that Russia has determined to call upon Great Britain to make peace in South Africa, threatening in case of refusal, to occupy Cabul and Herat, are taken seriously by some newspapers. They assume that, because a quarter of a million British troops are occupied in South Africa, Russia would have a walk-over in the execution of her designs in Asia.

These alarmists little know the reserve power of the British empire. The point of attack would doubtless be through Afghanistan, but there Britain has a faithful ally in the ameer, whose dauntless mountaineers have been trained in modern methods and would be backed by modern artillery. Russia must reckon with the Indian army, which, under European officers, is equal in military training and bravery to any equal army in Europe. She must also reckon with the British fleet, which could blockade the Russian ports on the Baltic and Black seas and could wipe out the new Russian ports in Siberia and at Port Arthur. Russia has no fleet capable of withstanding it. She must also reckon with Japan, which is fast increasing her navy and is eager for a fighting chance to check Russian aggression in Korea and China. She must reckon with the intensely loyal self-governing British colonies, which would readily send men to take the places of any troops the mother country might find it necessary to withdraw from South Africa.

A war with Russia would be a struggle of Titans, which no thinking man can contemplate without a shudder, but, if the czar imagines that Britain would tamely submit to aggression because she is occupied in South Africa, he greatly misjudges his foe.

SHOT AND BEATEN

Henry McArthur Saved from Murder by Officer Raymer.

Rossland Record.

As a result of a shooting affray at the Columbia hotel on First avenue, Henry McArthur lies in the Sisters' hospital with a wound in his back, his legs paralyzed and head terribly beaten, and Rafael Albi is in jail, charged with shooting him with intent to murder, and M. A. Albo is also in jail, charged with doing McArthur great bodily harm.

Shortly after midnight, Officer Raymer saw McArthur enter the Columbia lodging house, slightly intoxicated, and a few minutes afterwards heard a shot, followed in close succession by two others, from the upper floor. He rushed upstairs and found Albi, in his underclothes, flourishing a revolver over McArthur, who lay prostrate on the floor of the landing. At the risk of his own life, he seized Albi and disarmed him, finding that three bullets had been fired from the revolver. But for his interference, McArthur would probably have been killed, for Albi had been pounding his head and face with the muzzle of the revolver. Albi was taken to jail and McArthur to the Sisters hospital.

Of the three shots, the first appears to have been fired through the door of Albi's room and missed its mark, lodging in the opposite wall. Another was fired down the hallway and struck the wall in a glancing direction. The third hit McArthur in the back and must have caused him to fall, at his assailant's mercy. The latter then, it appears, proceeded to beat the man on the head.

Albo is alleged to have aided Albi in the assault and to have made off when Raymer appeared on the scene. He was arrested this morning by Officer Bradshaw.

At the time of going to press McArthur was resting easily, but Dr. Reddick, who attended him, had been unable to locate the bullet nor to exactly define its course. Both of McArthur's legs are paralyzed and the doctor thinks this is due to some injury to the spine. The wounds on the face and head are so severe that they will leave scars even if McArthur should recover.

Albi has left a trail of blood in his track for the last year. He killed a man in a quarrel at the Coeur d'Alene theatre in Spokane a year ago and escaping, was shielded by other Italians until finally he was betrayed by one of them. The latter was hounded by the Italian colony of that section and his murder was attempted and another man, who testified against Albi, was assassinated recently. Only a short time ago Albi's trial came off at Spokane and he was acquitted on the ground of self-defense.

English society women are so determined to catch the soldiers that they are going to the very hospitals to nurse their wounds and affections.

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MUST USE FORCE

Turkey Will Refuse to Yield to America's Ultimatum.

Constantinople, April 27.—The United States legation has not yet received the porte's answer to the note handed to Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, by the American charge d'affaires, regarding the indemnity claims, and the impression is gaining ground that the reply will be in the negative. The general opinion is that, without a display of force, the porte certainly will not pay the claims, because it wishes to show the Moslem world that it only yields to force.

It is considered here that a simple rupture of diplomatic relations will render the porte easier to deal with; but a rupture of formal relations is not thought necessary, as the sending of a warship to a Mediterranean port would suffice to obtain a settlement of the matter in less than 24 hours. The same proposition made to the United States for a settlement of the indemnity question by an order for a warship, in the price of which the indemnity shonld be included, was formerly made to France and Italy, but M. Constance and Senor Pansa rejected the proposition.

The newspaper criticisms and comments upon the attitude of Turkey in this affair are causing great irritation at Yildiz Kiosk.

SOCIETY STAYS AWAY.

Is Takes the Hint to Leave South Africa to Itself.

London, April 28.—The effect of Sir Alfred Milner's proclamation, requesting ladies to stay in England instead of going to the Cape, is beginning to be apparent in society, Lady Henry Bentinck and many others returning to London. Lady Randolph Churchill was not expected to return with the hospital ship Maine. Among those who had planned to go to the Cape and had cancelled their passage on account of the proclamation of the high commissioner are Lady Errol and several other ladies of title. Sir Alfred Milner has not increased his social popularity by his frank utterances. Many society women preferred the bother and expense of cancelling their arrangements rather than to face the criticisms attached to a trip so little desired by the high commissioner, but they like the author of their troubles more and more now that it is stated that Lord Roberts, who approved Sir Alfred Milner's proclamation, cabled to his wife and daughter advising them not to go the Cape, too late, however, to effect his purpose.

According to the stories reaching London, Lord Roberts' great kindliness and sympathy have been finding many outlets. During the wait at Bloemfontein, he has visited every man in the hospital, carrying with him many little comforts. Going up to one of the wounded, he asked cheerily:

"Can I do anything for you?" receiving the reply:

"Yes, I'd like you to keep my name out of the casualty list."

This man's name did not appear, and his anxiety that his relatives should not be advised was appeased. Another dying officer Lord Roberts comforted by promising to watch over the future of his only child. With such incidents current, it is scarcely surprising that the nation adores its little general and, as a whole, abstains from criticisms of anything he may do. If General Buller had waited inactive as long as Lord Roberts has at Bloemfontein, the storm of public criticism and impatience would well nigh have forced his recall.

A Tunnel Through to the Yukon.

Tacoma, April 30.—The Chilcoot tunnel company, composed of capitalists of British Columbia and this state, purpose spending $3,000,000 in developing another line of Yukon transportation. The company purposes first to bore a tunnel 800 feet long through Chilcoot pass mountain. A broad guage electric railway will be constructed through the tunnel from Dyea to Lake Bennett.

FIERCE BATTLE WITH BOXERS.

Chinese Troops Defeat Them—Serious Rising on New Railroad.

Tacoma, April 30.—The steamship Olympia brings news that last month in Chihli, 1500 Chinese troops were sent against several marauding gangs of Boxers, which combined, giving a total force of 2000. A hard fight ensued, in which 200 Boxers were killed.

Shanghai mandarins have received news of a serious insurrection in the vicinity of Chincou, on the Chan railway.

Swindler Miller Gets Ten Years.

New York, April 30.—W. F. Miller, manager of the Franklin syndicate, who was recently convicted of larceny, was sentenced today by Judge Hurd in Brooklyn to serve ten years imprisonment. Motions for a new trial and stay of proceedings were denied.

TERROR IN DUBLIN

Welland Canal Dynamiters Had Accomplices There.

London, April 30.—Reports come from Dublin of considerable uneasiness in the circles with which Nolan, Walsh and Rowan, the three men arrested in Canada in connection with the blowing up of a lock of the Welland canal near Thorold, Ont., on the evening of April 21, are alleged to be connected, and the authorities anticipate some hasty departures from the city. It is said that John Nolan had previously been arrested for complicity in the Exchange court explosion near Dublin castle.

Nolan, Walsh, Rowan and John Merna sailed for Philadelphia in November and it is now suggested that Merna has been "removed by his comrades." It is further allege that, if Nolan and the others are convicted, light will be thrown on several noted crimes.

A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH

Smallpox Cleaned Out of the Province—A Dominion Quarantine.

Victoria, April 30.—Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, is this morning sending out a clean bill of health to all parts of the province. He states that the province is now completely free from smallpox. There have been 11 cases at five different points, but no deaths. The Dominion government will be asked to institute quarantine regulations along the American boundary, as the precautions through Washington and Idaho against smallpox are most lax. Winnipeg mail will also be disinfected.

A PLAGUE OF WOMEN.

War Surgeon Condemns Society Butterflies Who Pose as Nurses.

New York, April 30.—Frederick Treves, a famous surgeon, who has just returned from the war, was entertained, together with Sir Wm. McCormack, at a banquet of the Reform club Saturday night presided over by Lord Rosebery, says a London cable. Mr. Treves took occasion to administer a stinging rebuke to the "smart" women suffering from "khaki fever," who have gone as alleged nurses to the front. He said:

"So far as the sick are concerned, there are only two plagues in South Africa—the plague of flies, and the plague of women. The flies we get rid of by horsewhips, and other appliances, and the flies at least depart at night. But the women are absolutely and really a terror. They came out in the guise of amateur nurses, after having exhausted every other form of excitement. Considering that we are engaged in a war, the number of well-dressed ladies at Capetown and elsewhere giving picnics is a blot on the campaign."

This onslaught on the fad of society electrified the audience and is certain to provoke bitter recriminations.

HELP FOR OTTAWA

It Is Pouring in From Canada, England and the States.

Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—Relief is pouring in for Hull and Ottawa sufferers from all parts of Canada. The mayor of Detroit has telegraphed sympathy and signifies his intention of sending relief from that city. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state from the colonies, has cabled the governor general the sympathy of her majesty and himself.

The latest summary of the results of the great fire shows as follows: Homeless, about 15,000; destitute, about 8,000; fatalities, eight; thrown out of work by the destruction of industries, 5,000; value of buildings destroyed, $2,500,000; value of personal property, furniture, clothes, etc., $4,000,000. These figures do not include the value of lumber destroyed, which will not be known for some days, nor of the stock and machinery in the industrial plants.

One of the unknown bodies has been identified as William Foley, of Queen street, Ottawa.

Help From Montreal.

Montreal, April 28—The city council met today and passed resolutions of sympathy with the sufferers by the Ottawa-Hull fire and instructed the finance committee to recommend a substantial money vote. The Bank of Montreal directors met and voted $10,000, while many smaller contributions were made. Several carloads of provisions, clothing, etc., contributed during the day, were sent to Ottawa this evening.

Free Wire for Relief.

Ottawa, Ont., April 28.—Mayor Payment has received the following message from James Kent, manager of telegraphs of the C. P. R.: "The C. P. R. telegraph will be pleased to transmit any telegrams you or your committee may desire to send in the interest of the sufferers from the awful calamity which has recently befallen the cities of Ottawa and Hull."

$500 From Seward Webb.

Montreal, Q., April 28.—Thos. Tait, manager of the eastern division of the C. P. R., received a cable dispatch from Dr. Seward Webb, who subscribes $500 to the Ottawa relief fund from Mrs. Webb and himself. He also expresses deep regret and sympathy for those rendered destitute by the fire.

A Mansion House Fund

London, April 28.—After a consultation with the Canadian high commissioner, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Lord Mayor Newton has decided to open immediately a mansion house fund for the relief of the homeless people of Ottawa. A stock exchange fund was opened today with several large subscriptions. The lord mayor's appea will be issued Monday.

Toronto's Insurance Loss.

Toronto, Ont., April 28.—Toronto insurance companies up to the present estimate their losses by the Hull fire at close on $800,000.

RELIEF FOR OTTAWA

Churches Responding Liberally—All Eastern Cities Send Aid

Oswego, N. Y., April 30.—Several hundred dollars have been collected by the churchet and other agencies here for the Ottawa fire sufferers. An appeal for aid from Mayor Payment, of Ottawa, called forth a proclamation from Mayor Hall. A large quantity of clothing is also being contributed.

Toronto, April 30.—All the principal cities and towns of Ontario are responding heartily to appeals for the aid of Hull and Ottawa fire sufferers.

Toronto, April 30.—Nine hundred pounds of bread were sent out from here last night for the relief of Hull and Ottawa fire sufferers.

Patriotic Fund Over a Quarter Million

Ottawa, April 30.—The patriotic fund to date amounts to $253,705.

BOERS GO NORTH

They Will Hold a Strong Position Beyond Thabanchu.

London, April 30.—2:30 p. m.—The latest news received here from the Orange Free State indicates that, though the Boers have evacuated Thabanchu, they have done so to occupy stronger positions. General Dewet on April 29 made an effort to turn General French's eastern flank and was foiled by the cavalry, only after vigorous maneuvering. The Boers hold the ridges to the eastward, whence they will probably fall back when the pressure of superior numbers increases. The British casualties sustained during the Thabanchu fighting were slight.

General French's object, now that all chance of catching the main bodies of the burghers has disappeared, is to harrass the Boers and prevent any well-organized retreat.

Canadians with Carrington.

From Beira, Portuguese East Africa, under date of April 23, comes the news of the arrival there of a Canadian 12-pounder battery. It is added that General Carrington, who is to command the British troops going to Rhodesia, has been cordially welcomed by the Portuguese officials and that he has reviewed the Portuguese troops.

Jameson for Cape Parliament.

Capetown reports that Dr. Jameson has recovered from the severe attack of fever from which he has been suffering, and he is mentioned as a candidate for one of the seats in the Cape parliament representing Kimberly, in succession to Dr. Frederick Rutherford Harris.

Assault on Mafeking Repulsed.

The agent of Jules Weil, of Mafeking, wrote under date of April 21 most cheerfully, saying everything was satisfactory. He added that the Boer guns were firing heavily into the town, and that the determined attack had been repulsed without casualties on the British side.

Sick and Wounded Sent Home.

The continuous ravages of the war are shown by a Capetown dispatch dated today, briefly announcing the arrival from Natal of 25 officers and 252 men invalided home and the sailing of the Auronie for England with 400 sick and wounded soldiers.

Horses and Shoesmiths from India.

Endeavors are being made to remedy the remount question, a Simla dispatch announcing that 500 experienced native horse keepers, 150 shoesmiths and 50 veterinary officers have been drawn from India for service in South Africa.

The Boers Have Gone North.

Thaba Nchu, April 28.—The adjacent country is now clear, the Boers have retired towards Ladybrand. There are interesting development ahead.

London, April 28, 2:05 p. m.—The British forces in the Orange Free State are presumably still following the Boers northward, but at this hour there is no word from the most interesting field of operations.

Boers Holding the Passes

A dispatch from Ladysmith, under today's date, says there are only small parties of Boers in the Tintwa pass, but that some hundreds are guarding Van Reenen's and Oliver's Nek passes. Commandants De Beers and Van Nies Kerk are in charge and their forces have been so disposed that the whole body can be massed at any pass the British may attempt to force.

Strength of the Enemy

A dispatch from Dewetsdorp dated April 27, says residents of that place declare the strength of the Boer forces, which recently evacuated the place, was six thousand men with six guns under a German officer.

B B Osler's Health Breaks Down.

Toronto, April 30.—B. B. Osler, Q. C., the eminent lawyer of this city and well known throughout the Dominion, has been obliged to cancel all his engagements for some months owing to ill health.

America Will Dun the Sultan.

Constantinople, April 30.—If within a week the porte does not answer the United States legation's note of April 24, it is probable that Lloyd C. Griscom, the American charge d'affaires, will renew his demand.

Startling Piece of Diplomacy.

New York, May 1.—The Times today prints a long article of startling importance. It professes to have found the motive which urged Secretary of the War Root, at the Grant dinner of last week, to hint at the possibility of the Uuited States being forced to go to war to maintain the Monroe doctrine. It is said that the facts which led up to Mr. Root's remark, are contained in an official report just submitted to the Danish government by Captain W. Von Christmas Birchinck-Holmfoeld. The captain was the special envoy of his government to negotiate the sale of the islands to the United States, and his report, which has been put in the hands of Mr. Hoerring, the prime minister and minister of finance, states that the failure of the negotiations is due to the interference of Henry H. Rogers, one of the directors of the Standard Oil company,

According to the Times, the first appearance of Mr. Rogers in the Danish West Indies was about three years ago, just prior to the breaking out of the war with Spain. Mr. Rogers, by letter and through the agents of the Standard Oil company in Denmark, among them Niel S. Green, made a proposition to the Danish government that, for a consideration of ten per cent of the purchase price, he would undertake the sale of the Danish West Indian islands, St. John, St. Croix and St. Thomas, to the United States. Mr. Rogers stated to the Danish government that he was in a position to do what he proposed, on account of his influence and the influence of his company with United States senators.

After an investigation, Mr. Hoerring called together a council of some of the most prominent members of the Danish parliament and a number of prominent business men of Copenhagen. Among the latter was C. W. Hagerman, a former resident of the United States and an old friend of Mr. Rogers. Hagerman impressed upon the council the strength of Mr. Rogers' claim, and it was accordingly decided to give Rogers permission to act in the matter as the representative of the Danish government, but without any billet to that effect. Then Mr. Rogers, it is asserted, went on with the negotiations till the breaking out of the Spanish war stopped them.

But in the early part of 1899, Captain Christmas was approached by a syndicate of Germans, who asked him to use his influence in Copenhagen to obtain from the Danish government a contract with Germany, by which the latter could purchase the island of St. John. Captain Christmas asserted that this would be next to impossible. The United States would neither allow Denmark to sell the island to a foreign power, nor would it allow Germany to purchase it, because of the Monroe doctrine. He then laid the matter before his government, the outcome being that the permission was denied on diplomatic grounds, the Danish government recognizing that, should any complications arise, the sale of the islands to the United States would be next to impossible. This led to Captain Christmas coming to America as the authorized agent of the Danish government for the sale of the islands.

Job printing of every description executed with neatness despatch at this office.

RAILROAD STRIKE

It is Impending on the New York Central System.

New York, April 30.—Commissioner Francis Deleganty, of the state board of mediation, arrived in this city from Buffalo this morning to confer with Superintendent Wyatt, of the New York Central railroad, in the hope of preventing a general strike on the Central system. He is reported to have said:

"The situation is extremely serious. The only hope I have of a general strike being avoided is the making of concessions by the officials of the Central. Unless they meet the demands of the men, there will be a general strike. I can say nothing further until I have seen Superintendent Wyatt."

All of the employees of the New York Central were reticent. Many of them declared that they had no grievances and that the conductors and trainmen were not regularly organized, their organization having been broken up by the big strike on the Central system.

To Be Tried for Wife Murder.

Quebec, April 30.—Constable Joseph Caises, who is charged with brutally murdering his wife a few months ago, before criminal court here Saturday pleaded not guilty. The trial was fixed for May 12.

Fatal Accident at the Exposition.

Paris, April 30.—An accident within the exposition grounds caused the death of five persons and injured many more. A temporary bridge was unable to withstand the Sunday goers and broke down.

Chicago Brewery Burned

Chicago, April 30.—Shortly after one o'clock this morning fire ruined the building occupied by the Atlas Brewing company. It is estimated that property valued at $200,000 has been destroyed.

Killed on the Railroad

Montreal, April 30.—A young man named Gourard, was instantly killed last evening, while crossing the railroad at Cote des Neiges, a short distance from the city. His companion, Gauforte, was cut on the head and sprained his wrist. Both were riding in a buggy.

A DISASTER TO THE PROVINCE

Mackintosh's Opinion of Result of Martin's Success—Mining Outlook.

Montreal, April 30.—Hon. C. H. Mackintosh is in the city. In an interview the ex-lieutenant-governor of the Northwest territories says he is convinced that Hon. Joe Martin's government will be defeated at the polls in British Columbia. He considers that the election of Martin's government would be a disaster to the province.

Regarding mining, Mr. Mackintosh spoke hopefully of its outlook. Being asked about the Centre Star and War Eagle, said:

"These mines are all right. I should think their new machinery would be installed by the end of June, and by that time their united output will be about seven hundred tons per day."

The Horse Show a Success

Toronto, April 30.—The Toronto horse show closed Saturday night. It was one of the most successful in the history of the city.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The Fenian invasion of Canada has fizzled down to three men armed with sticks of dynamite. The invading army has found its Paardeberg.

When it comes to dodging an issue, the sultan is an expert, but he has met the champion bill collector in your Uncle Samuel.

The Canadians won fresh praise at Israel's Poort and must be stepping high.

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EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

Only three weeks more to nomination day.

Free miners should not forget to renew their licenses by the 31st inst., the date upon which all certificates expire.

The purifiers of the voters' lists have thought better of their crusade of purification and withdrawn the protests against 150 names.

The powder trust has been burst and prices are tumbling, thus making the miner happy. Now, if we can get the combination on beer broken, all will yet be well this summer in this glorious country.

Pressure should be brought to bear upon the new legislature, at the session in July, to enact legislation for advertising out a defaulting co-owner in a mineral claim. It should be made as simple, thorough and inexpensive as possible.

At Kaslo, on Friday night, John Keen and Robert F. Green announced themselves as candidates for election in the Slocan. Both are Conservatives, but while Keen will run straight party, Green will appeal more to the labor vote. The Martin men have not yet been heard from.

Newspapers throughout the province, especially in the mining districts, should join forces in agitating for the repeal of the clause in the mineral act allowing two or more claims to be advertised together in one ad in applying for certificates of improvement. The government, through the columns of the B. C. Gazette, are the heaviest losers by the present act.

The terrible and wide-spread conflagration at Ottawa and Hull during the week brings a pointed lesson home to the people of this town, to be guarded with their fires. With no means or machinery for combatting a blaze, the danger is always present of this place becoming an ash heap. A long, dry season is before us and one cannot be too careful about his premises.

According to Premier Martin's expressed opinion at Kaslo, the liquor sellers of the province are in a bad way. The Dominion government has disallowed the new provincial liquor act, because of the Chinese and Japanese clauses, and this leaves all liquor dealers in unincorporated districts with no licenses, and liable to a heavy fine under the old law for selling liquors without the necessary permission. No redress is obtainable till the legislature meets. Trouble follows trouble in this camp. Now we shall all have to drink water at the 1st of July celebration.

The general run of newspaper men aim to tell the truth. This may startle some people, but it is so, nevertheless. Sometimes it is hard to get at all the facts of a case, largely through the reticence and pretended ignorance of those known to be principals therein. Then, after the item is published, the paper gets jumped on for publishing inaccuracies. THE DRILL wants to tell the plain facts about the mines in the camp, seeking to benefit the town and advance the well-being of the country at large. Therefore, those who have the interests of the camp at heart should not be backward in volunteering information. Slocan has experienced the evil effects of a boom rag, and we want it now to realize the benefits of a reliable paper. It should not be the portion of the newspaper man to be constantly rebuffed by those manipulating the properties around Slocan. Secretiveness does not help the country, and it is within the province of all to tell what is going on about their mines without violating confidence. Try and help your paper and don't leave it in the lurch.

DRILL POINTS.

Slocanites in the Boundary say the country is dead.

Born, on the 30th ult., Mrs. Joseph Dearin, of a son.

The lake has gone up with amazing rapidity this week.

E. M. Shupe wants to return to Slocan from the Boundary.

This has been moving week with several families in town.

Springer creek has become a river of respectable dimensions.

Protests have been entered against 540 voters in the Nelson riding.

The C. P. R. has issued reduced rates to the Halcyon Hot Springs.

The heat this week was a corker. Even the politicians had to cool off.

J. M. Williams and wife arrived Wednesday in Nelson from England.

Main street was cleaned up Monday preparatory to the Dominion day celebration.

A carload of coast flooring, ceiling, sash and doors just arrived. McCallum & Co.

Percy Dickenson returned to town Monday after spending the winter in New York.

Jas. Croft, New Denver, was here Monday endeavoring to purchase pack horses.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller will arrive here in July, to spend six weeks among the hills.

Next Monday the court of revision will be held at Kaslo. Some funny tales will be told.

Rev. Mr. McKee went to Nelson on Tuesday to attend the synod of the Presbyterian church.

Billy Kerr was taken to the hospital Monday, suffering from inflammatory rheumatism.

F. C. Sewell, city clerk of Sandon, and Mrs. Sewell, spent a couple of days in town this week.

A football league has been formed among the Slocan towns. Denver and Slocan are out of it.

Lumber is on the ground for the proposed improvements to the Odd fellows' block, Delaney avenue.

R. M. Covington was called away to Spokane during the week by the sad news of the death of a sister.

The brass band made its appearance Friday night and favored the townspeople with a short programme.

A. B. Docksteader, Cody, has been appointed returning officer in the Slocan riding for the provincial elections.

The C. P. R. pile driver has been busy during the week driving piles for the strengthening of the railway wharf.

H. P. Christie will hold a court of inquiry on the 25th into the applications for water rights on Climax creek.

Bobby Allen lost one of his pack animals last week by falling through one of the railway trestles and getting a leg broken.

Steamboat men look for the tug Sandon to be put into commission next month. Capt. Troup desires to see it running.

Carl Lindow caught a 9½ pound char on Saturday off the foot bridge over the river. It was almost as big as the lad himself.

Duncan Kennedy, an old timer here, was married a few days ago at Greenwood, to Miss Turnbull, also a former resident here.

Messrs. Adcock and David have had an awning placed in front of their business premises, old Sol's rays proving too embarrassing.

J. K. Clark, manager of the Marion, on Silver mountain, went up the lake yesterday after a hurried trip to Rossland, Spokane and Goat river.

John Keen, of Kaslo, one of the candidates in the provincial elections, will meet the Conservative Association in the committee rooms tonight.

Frank Dick went up to Sandon on Saturday to hear Joe Martin speak, and returned greatly edified. The premier was given a cordial reception. Hon. Smith-Curtis will address the people of the lake towns shortly, but Joe cannot come.

ANOTHER BOUQUET.

EDITOR DRILL:

Sir,—Your DRILL comes duly to hand, and I have noted its merits. Its "bit" is in good form and appears to be evenly tempered. Campfire hits it a few preliminary taps with the true stroke of the hammersman, and in line with his suggestions it is desirable to avoid the pinpricks of impertinent animosity, local jealousies, and general "pull 'em down" tactics of the majority of our provincial and local press. So far has this been carried that we hear the cry, "The province has gone to the dogs, we have no good men to select from, no leader, no talent, no timber." Why, the woods are full of them. We read in American politics of the "Tall sycamore of the Wabash." Look over the province and take note of the lordly pine, the stately cedar, and the royal Douglas fir. Flourishing among them are to be found the beautiful and ever-useful sugar maple of Ontario, the staunch and ever-sturdy hackmatack, etc. And yet we say we have no political timber! Factionisms and local jealousies and personal ambition have fought for supremacy by trickery, treachery and abuse till straight patriotism and the interests of the province have been almost blotted out and the people have been blinded to the real merits of our best men. We must cultivate a better feeling, show forth the merits of our best men and let us elect them, independent of partyism, factionism, or political prejudices. Let every man exercise his own judgment and vote as he pleases.

ITEMS.

A survey has been made of the new wagon road leading to the mines on Silver mountain—the Hartney, California, Marion, Eclipse, etc. It will start at a point on the Three Forks road and thence by even grade run round the side and up the mountain.

The trustees will soon have to provide further school accommodation, as there are 52 names on the roll, with an average attendance of 39.

The sum of $500 has been appropriated for the repair of the Three Forks wagon road and work commenced on Monday.

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New Denver, May 3, 1900.

MINING RECORDS.

Appended is a complete list of the various records registered at the local registry office, H. P. Christie being mining recorder:

LOCATIONS.

April 26—C O D, n f Lemon, G Soucey

ASSESSMENTS.

April 26—Melton. 27—Silver Leaf, Creole. 28—Three Blind Mice.

TRANSFERS.

April 23—North Star, R McFarlane to Slocan-Kilo Mining Co, Ltd.

Chesapeake and Dixie 1-6 each, W L Callanan to T D Tobin.

24—Ethel K ½, J A McKinnon to N F McNaught.

Same ¼, same to A A Webb.

Hampton ½, A A Webb to N F McNaught.

Same ¼, same to J A McKinnon.

26—Black Prince 1-6, Hoodoo and Dundas ⅙ each, G T Gormley to F S Sherry, $400.

Silver Tip ¾, M L Nicholson to W A Thompson.

Lemon Creek Road.

It will not be long ere work commences on the Lemon creek road. The Slocan-Kilo people will join forces with the Williams syndicate and they will build it together. It is to be built on a railway grade and a railway engineer will run the levels. This will cost but little more and will permit of a railway be constructed at a later period without much delay and extra expense.

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