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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.

W. S. JOHNSON, President

SLOCAN DRILL POINTS.

HAPPENINGS IN AND AROUND THIS GROWING BURG.

Local Occurrences Briefly Outlined for the Busy Reader—Interesting Snap Shots at Other Towns—Every Item of Interest.

The water in the lake rose a little this week.

E. Shupe has again embarked in business in town.

Public school holidays commence at the end of the month.

The new timetable on the C. P. R. goes into effect on Sunday.

The town has been somewhat more lively than u ual this week.

Silverton won against Kaslo this week in football 1 goal to 0.

Several men from this vicinity go to Nelson tomorrow to vote.

The Chapleau people have their office in the Cavana building.

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but Kruger had the wrong brand.

J. C. Gwillim is on the Dominion Geological survey in the Atlin country.

Polling will take place tomorrow in the corner store of the Cavana building.

Friday evening last an enjoyable social dance was given in the Music Hall.

John Craig has made a satisfactory job of the improvements to the Odd fellows Hall.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church purposes giving an entertainment shortly.

Provincial taxes must be paid by the 30th to obtain the reduction allowed by the law.

The Chinese cook imported into the camp last week has been given his walking ticket.

Constable Black, of New Denver, went through to Nelson on Tuesday with a prisoner in tow.

Percy Dickenson has taken the building next to A. C. Smith's and enlarged his office room.

D. McLeod will act as deputy returning officer at Deer Park and J. T. Beauchesne at Slocan Junction.

A meeting will be held on the 30th to elect a trustee in place of R. A. Bradshaw, whose term then expires.

Returning Officer Docksteader arrived down from Cody on Saturday with the ballot boxes for this section.

A stereoptican show was given in the Presbyterian church Wednesday night by Ensign Staiger of the Salvation Army.

Robt. Thompson, of New Denver, passed through here Saturday on his way for a month's vacation among friends in Ontario.

Mrs. J. T. Black, wife of Constable Black, of New Denver, passed south during the week on her way east via Nelson and Calgary.

For sale, cheap.—A cottage and two corner lots in New Denver. Is drawing a good income. Terms easy. Apply at THE DRILL.

Election returns from the coast cities will come in late, as the polls do not close till 7.30, in order to give the laboring men a chance to vote.

Official news of the capitulation of Pretoria was received here Wednesday with but little outward signs of joy. Politics overshadowed all else.

Bishop Dart, of the Anglican diocese of New Westminster, passed through here Tuesday on his way to New Denver, to preach in St. Stephen's church.

Billy Thomlinson came down from Denver Wednesday to inspect the Vicksburg. He is a strong Keen man and says John is a sure winner in tomorrow's election.

D. Kennedy has purchased two lots near W. Harris' and will erect thereon a neat cottage. He and Harris purpose putting in a water system from Springer creek.

The steamer Trail was destroyed by fire at Robson l st Friday night That makes the third big vessel on the Columbia river route to have gone up in smoke during recent years.

J. L. White, druggist, now located at Greenwood, spent a few days in town during the week looking up his local establishment. Jack would rather live here than in the Boundary camp, which he says is quiet.

V & M Group to Work.

Billy Harrington was here Wednesday securing supplies for the working of the V & M group—better known as the Get There Eli—on Twelve Mile. He will have four men under him and they will work all summer. There are five claims in the group and they are to be surveyed and crown granted. The property was stocked in Vancouver last winter by a strong company of financiers, now known as the V & M Mines, Ltd. They have money to develop the claims in good shape.

BIG CELEBRATION.

Programme Drafted for Dominion Day at Slocan.

The ball has been set rolling now in good shape for the big celebration to be held here on Dominion day. It is going to be a record-breaking event, and the business people are preparing for the crowds expected in. Posters have been printed and circulated throughout the district proclaiming the celebration and giving people a good idea of the fun that awaits them here.

Friday evening a meeting was held at the Hicks House, when the sports committee presented their report. They have outlined a programme embracing football, horse racing, bicycle racing, tug-of-war, and general Caledonian sports, with a big ball in the evening. Substantial cash prizes are allotted to each event and every endeavor will be made to make the affair a big success. The Slocan Brass Band will furnish the music for the day. By June 15 all subscriptions are to be paid in and the various committees given the various sums allotted to them. The next general meeting of the citizens will be held on the 15th.

SCHOOL REPORT.

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

SENIOR DIVISION—Class V.—Alfred Bull, R. Robertson, K. Shook.

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

Class III.—Jennie Foley, Alma Baty, Alma Ross.

Class III., Junior—Hazel Wichman, Nettie Bull, Alice Bull.

JUNIOR DIVISION—Class II.—Gertie Foley, Fannie Robertson, Mabel Hall.

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

Primer II.—Mildred Lavell, Hugh Hall, H. Ross.

Primer I.—Ada York, Bertha Smith Freda Wichmann.

Tablet Class—Frank Binish, Lizzie Rae, Cassie Long.

Wholesale Discharge.

A great deal of surprise was excited in town Saturday by the big gang of men who arrived on the evening boat. They all came from the Enterprise mine, Ten Mile, which had discharged almost its entire force, only 16 men being retained on the property. S. S. Fowler, engineer of the company, went up to the mine on the Thursday before. Various rumors are afloat regarding the matter, the main one being that the work being done cost too much, and the property was going behind, though stoping was in progress. Work has been confined chiefly to the No. 2 drift, but now all efforts will be put on the No 3 and 4 and the upper portion of the property. The upper workings will be put into shape so that a large force of men may be employed advantageously The farther up the hill they go the richer becomes the ore.

A Bold Bad Man.

Two weeks ago a pair of itinerant painters struck town and managed to get a job or two, one of which was at the Arlington hotel. They left last week for New Denver, and one of the pair, named James Howard, quietly walked off with some wearing apparel and nicknacks belonging to Jim Baker. Jim followed the thief up and had him arrested. On Monday he was brought before Alex. Sproat, stipendiary magistrate, and was given two months vacation to the Nelson pen. Most of the stolen articles were recovered.

Contract Completed.

Frank Provost has completed his contract for the Warner Miller people on Lemon creek. It was for the erection of a messhouse, 18x75 feet, to be used by the men in the erection of the mill which the syndicate purposes putting in for the Kilo. The site is at the mouth of the first north fork and is a splendid location for the reduction works.

Chapleau Company Licensed.

This week a license was taken out by the Chapleau people and the company is now legally constituted to do business in the province. J. M. Williams has turned over to the company, known as the Chapleau Con. Gold Mining Co., Ltd., the Chapleau, receiving therefor $30,000 in cash and 21,000 shares. It is the intention of the company to crown grant the property at once. They have apportioned $6,000 as their share towards building the Lemon creek road.

CONTRACT LET.

Frank Provost Will Build the Springer Creek Road.

Bids for building the remaining portion of the Springer creek road to the Arlington mine were opened at the office of the Arlington Mines, Ltd, on Tuesday. There were four bids put in for the work, chiefly from town. Frank Provost secured the contract and he started on his job yesterday. He will employ 50 men and will rush the work through to completion.

The contract calls for a little over three miles of road, so as to connect the various workings on the property. The road will cross the creek at the present bridge and continue along close to the creek on a pretty even grade. Very little rock work will have to be done and not much corduroying. There is no heavy right-of-way to cut out, so Provost will make good time. Separate bids were put in for the bridge.

The completion of this road means everything to the town and the numerous properties adjacent to the Arlington basin. To the Arlington itself, it means an opportunity to ship ore steadily at all seasons of the year and a great saving in general freighting. Slocan has wanted the road for years and now it is to be completed at last.

Big Time in Sight.

There is a big time in sight here for Dominion day over the football tournament, which now promises to be the most exciting event yet held in the district. Silverton, of course, will be here to do battle with the local team. Sandon had delegates here on Wednesday to arrange for meeting the Silvertonians, who are equally desirous of obliging the Silver City boys. Kaslo has also written asking terms so as to play off their return match with Silverton here, and an endeavor will be made to get New Denver to enter a team. Then a battle royal would ensue, which would draw a huge crowd of outsiders.

Training for Dominion Day.

The citizens had a foretaste of the excitement promised for Dominion day on Monday afternoon last by a hotly contested horse race between animals ridden by J. Kelly and Bob Woods. The purse involved was not large, but the side bets made up the difference. Two heats were run and were very close, Woods winning both. The street was lined with people, who were quite interested in the event. It was as pretty a race as ever seen in the camp.

New Timetable.

By the new timetable the train will leave Nelson at 7.30, arriving here at 9.50. Returning will leave here at 17.10, arriving at Nelson at 19.30. The boat leaves here at 10, arriving at Rosebery at 11.50. Returning, boat leaves Rosebery at 14.55, arriving here at 16.55. Passengers can go to Sandon and back the same day. Going to Nakusp, there is a delay of two hours at Rosebery.

After a Water Right.

The Arlington Mines, Ltd., has filed notice for 500 inches of water to be taken from Springer creek. The creek is to be dammed at the Argo claim, and the water is to be used for mining and milling purposes. This presages the erection of a large mill for treating the concentrating ore on the Arlington.

Interest in Black Prince Sold.

Galliher & Wilson, barristers, of Nelson, have sold an eighth interest in the Black Prince mine, Springer creek, to J. C. Shook, of this town. The price paid was $800 cash. No property in this division has figured so extensively on the record office books as the Black Prince.

Record Office Business.

Last month's business at the record office was worth about $1800, most of which came from the renewal of miners' licenses. It was fully double the amount for April, and was considerably in excess of May, 1899. The business for June promises to be heavy.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

SUBSTANTIAL SHOWING MADE BY THIS DIVISION.

We Lead the Entire Lake Country—A Healthy Evidence of the Life and Wealth of the Camp—Enterprise the Biggest Shipper.

For the first time in many weeks, a blank has occurred in the ore shipments in this division, due to the radical changes at the Enterprise. The company has contracted to ship to another smelter, so exports will be resumed. The Arlington will shortly resume shipments.

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

MINE.	WEEK.	TOTAL.
Enterprise		740
Arlington		300
Black Prince		60
		1100

MINES AND MINING.

Bar silver remained above the 60 figure last week.

Locations and assessments are quite heavy this week.

Ore is now showing in all the workings on the Arlington.

Thos. Lake has acquired three-eighths more in the Bachelor.

Eighteen inches of snow fell at the head of Ten Mile on Saturday.

Rod McCrimmon is now foreman at the Marion, Silver mountain.

Frank Dick has purchased some gold property in the Nelson camp,

M. Cameron has eleven animals engaged hauling ore from the Kilo.

The Vicksburg has just had an assessment finished on it and is looking well.

The bill of sale to J. M. Williams of the Chapleau, for $30,000, has been recorded.

George Long came down from New Denver Saturday, to prosecute work on the Lily B.

Angus McInnes, of New Denver, is collecting samples of Slocan ores to send to the Paris exposition.

More men have been placed at work on the Smuggler during the week, the force now numbering 23.

Work on the Fairy Queen group, Trout creek, will commence at an early date. The ledge is 15 feet in width.

The force on the Molly Gibson has been increased this week, part of the men laid off at the Enterprise going up there.

An effort will be made this year to work the U & I group, on the upper part of Ten Mile. Pete Larsen is one of the main owners.

The case of Thurston vs. Tattersall et al, embracing a commission for selling the Chapleau, has been settled. The money was paid over last week.

Tom Lloyd, Al. Owens and Morris Davies are working on a group of six claims they own in the vicinity of the Ottawa. They have two leads to work on, both showing ore.

The Chapleau Consolidated Mining Co. of England has just been registered in this province, with a capital of £75,000. The local office is Nelson, with J. M. Williams as agent.

Joe Saulter returned Saturday after spending two months working on some claims in the vicinity of the famous Cariboo, Camp McKinney. He uncovered a likely gold ledge.

Dan Harrington, for a long time foreman at the Enterprise under the Finch regime, went up the creek on Monday, to assume charge on the Arlington. He is the right man in the right place.

A VOICE FROM THE UNION.

EDITOR DRILL:

Sir,—I wish to contradict an article that appeared in the Nelson Miner of June 5, regarding the action taken by the Slocan City Miners' Union in endorsing R. F. Green. In the first place, how could the Union be packed, as was stated, and not be a fair representation of the Union? The resolution was to have been kept a secret, under certain conditions, but those conditions were not fulfilled. The Union, on June 6th, deemed it advisable to state publicly that they had endorsed R. F. Green; and, furthermore, for the benefit of labor and the public in general, they are not in for a row, as was stated.

GEO NICHOL, Vice President
Slocan, June 7.

His Lordship Bishop Dart, of New Westminster, preached in St. Paul's church last evening.

DIED OF PLAGUE

Five Fatal Cases Among Chinese in San Francisco.

THE BODIES TURN BLACK

No Doubt That Bubonic Plague Caused Death Health Officers Quarantine the Chinese Doctors—No Cars to Run Through Chinatown and Qnarantine Made More Strict.

San Francisco, June 4.—Health Officer O'Brien and Bacteriologist Kellogg have reported that five cases of Chinese, who died on Saturday afternoon after one day's illness, were undoubtedly bubonic plague. At the autopsy the bodies were already beginning to turn black. Certain glands have been removed from the body.

It is said by physicians engaged by the Chinese that the health officers have been instructed to quarantine the persons and laboratories of these doctors. Temporary quarters were to be established to accommodate 3000. The cars through Chinatown are to be stopped and all permits through quarantine lines are to be revoked.

Killed by Electric Shock

Hamilton, Ont., June 4.—Joseph Lamoine, of the Hamilton Electric Light company, was shocked by live wires and fell from the top of a pole yesterday at noon, and died at the general hospital last evening.

He Found the West Prosperous

Montreal, June 4.—D. McNicoll, general manager of the Canadian Pacific railway, has returned from a trip of inspection of the company's lines in western Canada. He is much pleased with the condition of the railway and the prosperity of British Columbia and Manitoba.

Speaker Bain Will Give up Politics.

Hamilton, Ont, June 4.—Hon. Mr. Bain, speaker of the house of commons and member for South Wentworth, has intimated to the Liberal association that he will not again be a candidate at the next general election. He says he is tired of politics.

Decorated the Veterans' Graves

St. Catharines, Ont., June 4.—The veterans of this city and surrounding district decorated the graves of their dead comrades in Victoria Lawn cemetery Saturday afternoon.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is hinted that the ease with which the Boers have yielded ls due to a secret agreement of Kruger to make only a formal resistance, in exchange for guarantees of good treatment. Another piece of Boer slimness.

The desertion of the foreign legions from the Boers follows closely on the removal of the Transvaal treasure to Lorenzo Marquez. Where the treasure is, there will not only their hearts, but their outstretched paws, be also.

Hon. David Mills points out in his book, The English in Africa, that in 1813 six Boers were tried for treason in rebelling against British authority in Cape Colony. One was pardoned and five hanged. The one who was pardoned was named Kruger, "whose execution might have changed the currents of South African history." This is a good hint of what should be done with the present crop of traitors.

It will take 55,000 persons to take the United States census. Why did not Uncle Sam hire Joe Martin? Judging by his ability at figuring up the cost of his railroad, he could count them all in 24 hours.

The Chinese empire is kept alive more by the quarrels of its would-be heirs than by its own vitality. It is the story of Turkey all over again.

Lawyer Barwick's Skull Fractured

Toronto, June 4.—Walter Barwick, the well-known Queen's counsel of this city, had his skull fractured by the sash of a window falling on him at Osgoode Hall Saturday.

PRETORIA!

Pretoria is in the hands of the British army and the South African republic is no more. This is the great and glorious news which the RECORD is the first to give its readers today. There is no question about it this time, The news comes in official dispatches from Lord Roberts, given to the world by the war office.

It is the climax of a glorious campaign, in the glory of which Canada has a share far out of proportion to the number of her citizens engaged. It is the fruits of a masterpiece of strategy and organization, worked out by the splendid brains and tireless energy of Lord Roberts and his chief of staff, Lord Kitchener. It demonstrates anew that British pluck and tenacity can wrest victory from the jaws of defeat; can learn from failure those lessons which are necessary to the achievement of success.

The humiliation of 1881 is at last wiped out. It is peculiarly fitting that this task should be accomplished by the man who was called back from its performance 19 years ago. The flag of the empire has been raised over Pretoria, never again to be hauled down; never again shall the name of Briton become a term of reproach in South Africa. Under the folds of that flag Briton, Dutchman and all other nations shall enjoy equality, freedom, security and justice—blessings of which it is the synonym and to which the Transvaal has long been a stranger.

The Liverpool Daily Post of May 16 contains a full description of the luxurious new offices of J. J. Gilbertson, the agent of the C. P. R. in Liverpool. The agency in that city ranks second in importance to that in London, among the European offices of the C. P. R.

Must Not Bet on Prize Fights

San Francisco, June 5.—An ordinance making betting on prize fights a misdemeanor has been passed by the board of supervisors of this city. The penalty for a violation of the law is a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months.

Otis Must Stay in Quarantine

San Francisco, June 5.—The transport Meade will not be released from quarantine until the middle of next week. Another case of smallpox broke out in the steerage a couple of days ago and that will necessitate the detention of the ship in the quarantine grounds.

Miss Flanagan Soon Displaced

Kingston, Ont., June 5.—L. W. Shannon, formerly proprietor of the Kingston News, was appointed city clerk last night by a vote of 11 to 10, succeeding Miss Flanagan, appointed city clerk pro tem a few days ago.

Star Cornet Band Organized.

The Rossland Star Cornet band was organized last evening with 12 members, including the best musicians in the city, a majority being former members of the City Council band. Christ Halverson was elected leader, William Verran assistant leader and the following were chosen officers: President, William Verran; secretary, Charles Levis; treasurer, James Hosking; auditing committee, Joseph Kane, Robert Woodey, Amos Lee.

Regular rehearsals are to be held, Mr. Klockmann having kindly donated the Dominion hall for that purpose, and the band is in a position to fill any and all engagements.

ROBERTS ENTERS PRETORIA

The Transvaal Capital Now In the Hands of the British.

THIS NEWS IS OFFICIAL

Boers Defeated and City Surrounded Yesterday--Roberts Entered Today.

London, June 5.—12:47 p. m.—The war office has issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, June 5.—11:40 a. m. We are now in possession of Pretoria. The official entry will be made this afternoon at 2 o'clock."

London, June 5.—It was announced verbally at the war office this afternoon that Lord Roberts entered Pretoria at 2 o'clock, South African tim .

Took Six Mile Spruit

London, June 5.—11 a. m.—It is officially announced that Lord Roberts occupied Six-Mile Spruit on June 4.

Battle at Six-Mile Spruit.

London, June 5.—The war office has issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Six Miles Spruit, June 4.—8:30 p. m.—We started this morning at daybreak and marched about 10 miles to Six Miles Spruit, both banks of which were occupied by the enemy. Penry's and Ross' mounted infantry, with the West Somerset, Dorset, Bedford and Sussex companies of yeomanry quickly dislodged them from the south bank and pursued them nearly a mile, when they found themselves under a heavy fire from guns which the Boers had placed in a well-constructed, commanding position.

The Artillery Hurried Up.

"Our heavy guns of the naval and royal artillery, which had purposely been placed in the front part of the column, were hurried to the assistance of the mounted infantry as soon as possible and mules could travel over the great rolling hills surrounding Pretoria. The guns were supported by Stevenson's brigade of Pole-Carew's division and, after a few rounds, drove the enemy from the position.

The Boers Driven Back.

"The Boers then attempted to turn our left flank, in which they were foiled by the mounted infantry and yeomanry, supported by Maxwell's brigade of Tucker's division. As, however, they still kept pressing our left rear, I sent word to Ian Hamilton, who was advancing three miles to our left, to incline toward us and fill up the gap between the two columns. This finally checked the enemy, who were driven back toward Pretoria.

Darkness Stopped Pursuit.

"I hoped we would have been able to follow them up, but the days now are very short in this part of the world and after nearly two hours marching and fighting we had to bivouac on the ground gained during the day.

The City Is Surrounded

"The Guards brigade is quite near the southernmost fort by which Pretoria is defended, and less than four miles from the town. French, with the third and fourth cavalry brigades and Hutton's New South Wales mounted rifles, is north of Pretoria. Broadwood's brigade is between French's and Hamilton's columns, and Gordon's is watching the right flank of the main force, not far from the railway bridge at Irene station, which was destroyed by the enemy.

"Our casualties, I hope, are very few."

Would Rather Fght Than Farm

New York, June 5.—A facsimile cablegram dated Lorenzo Marques aud signed by President Kruger is printed in the World today. The cablegram extends thanks for the offer of homestead farms in the United States, but adds that the burghers have determined to fight for their liberty-loving country to the bitter end.

Roberts Led the March.

London, June 2.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon, almost eight months after the declaration of war, Lord Roberts entered Pretoria. The commander-in-chief fulfilled the promise he made to the Guards at Bloemfontein, to lead them into the capital of the Transvaal, and England is celebrating the event with enthusiasm. Throughout the length and breadth of the country, the news spread like wildfire. Based on the recollection of European wars, when the occupation of the enemy's capital signified the end of hostilities, Lord Roberts' terse message is universally taken to mean the practical finish of the war which has tried Great Britain's resources as they were never before.

London Electrified with Joy.

In London the Mansion House and war office almost instantly became the centres for jubilant throngs. Flags again appeared as if by magic, and the traffic had to be diverted through other streets. Hatless and coatless men and boys ran through the city, all eyes to see for themselves the bulletins announcing the good news, and stayed to join in the thunder of cheers and singing "God Save the Queen." Hats from thousands of heads were waved in the sun, while old men on top of the omnibuses and aldermen from the windows of the Mansion House encouraged the crowds to still further efforts.

Lord Roberts' Six-Mile Spruit dispatch was hardly printed by the extras before the Union Jack over the war office was rapidly hauled up the flagstaff and the brief message was passed from mouth to mouth: "Pretoria is occupied."

Where General French Was.

Everyone who had a chance to see Lord Roberts' account of the resistance encountered yesterday was that moment commenting on the probability of a fierce fight before the city should be occupied and was wondering at the Boers' capabilities to make such a determined stand when Pretoria was hemmed in on all sides. The pressure of General French north of the Boer capital came as a surprise, and explained the commander-in-chief's reticence anent the position of the energetic cavalry leader. It was evident that Lord Roberts himself delayed attacking until his columns were ready to co-operate.

Judging from Lord Roberts' phraseology, the occupation of Pretoria was not accompanied by loss of life. Presumably the Boer forces which so insistently opposed the British advance at Six-Mile Spruit got away.

Vain Efforts at Resistance.

The latest dispatches from a representative of the Associated Press, at Pretoria, dated June 3, quote General Botha as saying:

"So long as I can still count on our thousands of willing men, we must not dream of retreat or throwing away our independence."

General Botha, it is added, annulled the regulations appointing a special committee to preserve order, substituting military control for the committee. General Lucas Meyer, addressing the burghers on the church square, urged them all to stand fast.

Thus, though their efforts were pitifully futile, it is evident that a few faithful Boer generals were working desperately to resist the overwhelming force of Lord Roberts' army.

To Relieve British Prisoners

The war office has information that one of the first things done by Lord Roberts after the occupation of Pretoria was to direct Gen. French to relieve the British prisoners confined at Waterval.

Northport Takes Sophie Mountain

A. G. White, manager of the American corporation, is in from Sophie mountain and says that the people of Northport have agreed to build a wagon road from their town and will have it finished in six weeks. The mine-owners gave certain guarantees as to the trade of the district.

Albi and Albo go to Nelson

W. R. Albi and M. A. Albo were Tuyesda taken by Jailer Boudin to the provincial jail at Nelson to await trial at the county court. McArthur, who was shot by Albi, has begun to suffer pains in his legs, though he has no use of them, but his condition is slightly improved.

Work Resumed on the Giant

The Philadelphia and Michigan syndicate which has secured control of the Giant mine resumed work Tuesday. After the water has been taken out of the shaft, the ore body will be followed down in it. A. D. Coplen, the president, and G. W. Armstrong, who negotiated the deal, are in the city, and the latter says that the engineer who examined the property sampled across the ledge for 29 feet and got an assay of $18 from it. The syndicate now holds 2,000,000 of the 2,500,000 shares of stock.

First Volunteer Rifle Match

The first of the Fourth rifle matches by the Rossland volunteer team of the Inter-Canadian military league was shot on Saturday in a gusty wind. The possible score was 105, 35 at each of three ranges—200, 500 and 600 yards respectively. The prizes are a special badge for the maker of an average of 93 in the four matches; a first class certificate for an average of 88 and a second class certificate for an average of 78. The total scores were: Pt. Williams, 85; S. I. M. Harp, 83; Pt. Michie, 82; Pt. Roberts, 78; Pt. Long, 75; Corp. Wilkin, 74; Pt. Spring, 73; Pt. Logan, 66; Pt. Dickson, 59; Sergt. Townsend, 51. Grand total 726.

DEFY ALL EUROPE

Orders of the Empress of China to Her Foreign Council

MUST LET BOXERS ALONE

The Anti-Foreign Fanatics Are to Have Full Swing and Further Landing of Foreign Troops Must Be Resisted—Chinese Troops Bolt When Led Against Boxers.

Shang Hai, June 4.—The China Gazette says it has the highest authority for stating that the dowager empress has ordered the Tsung Li Yamen to face all Europe rather than to interfere with the Boxer movement.

Elsewhere it is asserted that the viceroy has ordered the troops to oppose the further landing of men from foreign warships and that the troops now engaged in operations are designed to prevent further foreign reinforcements reaching Pekin.

Chinese Troops Bolt.

Tien Tsing, June 5.—A representative of the Associated Press visited Tsun, on the Pekin-Tien Tsin railway, today and found that the station had been burned and two bridges damaged. The officer commanding the Chinese troops there said that 200 of his men had bolted and only 90 remained. These fought well, killing a number of the Boxers.

The bolting troops were badly cut up in the adjacent broken country. It is stated that sixty were killed or wounded. Some of their bodies were recovered frightfully mutilated.

Bands of Boxers are patrolling the neighborhood, but have not interfered with the party of the Associated Press representative.

All the Chinese railway employes are deserting their posts, and troops sent to guard the stations appear to be worse than useless. A guard of 250 sent to Feng Tai bolted at Lu Kou Chiao yesterday morning, when they heard of the trouble at Huuang Tsun.

LATEST STOCK QUOTATIONS

	ASKED	BID
Athabasca	19	14
B. C. Gold Fields	3¼	1½
Big Three	4½	3
Black Tail	19½	16
California	11½	8
Brandon & Golden Crown.	21	19
Canadian Gold Fields	6¼	5
Cariboo [Camp McKinney]	96	85
Centre Star	$ 1 58	$1 50
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	$42 00	$37 00
Deer Trail No. 2	7¼	6½
Deer Park [new]	2	
Dundee	15	11
Evening Star	10	8
Giant	4	3
Homestake (Assess. paid)	3	1
Iron Mask	40	36
Iron Colt	3	2
I. X. L.	17	
Jumbo	25	20
King (Oro Denoro)	10	8
Knob Hill	58	50
Lone Pine Consol	16¼	15
Minnehaha	4	2
Monte Christo	5	3
Montreal Gold Fields	3½	2
Morrison	3½	2¼
Mountain Lion	93	85
Noble Five	7	4
North Star (East Kootenay)	$ 1 12	$1 05
Novelty	3¼	2
Okanogan (Assess. paid)	3	1½
Old Ironsides	80	75
Payne	$ 1 12	$ 1 03
Peoria Mines	2¼	1
Princess Maud	4	2½
Quilp	26	
Rambler-Cariboo	25	22½
Republic	$ 1 00	90
St. Elmo Consolidated	3¾	1
Sullivan	11	9½
Tamarac [Kenneth]	4½	3¾
Tom Thumb	25	23
Van Anda	3¾	3
Virginia	4	2
War Eagle Consolidated	$ 1 55	$ 1 48
Waterloo	5½	4½
White Bear	2½	1¾
Winnipeg	15½	15

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NEWS OF MINES

Le Roi Ore Shipments Again Exceed Former Figures.

Rossland ore shipments last week were again confined to the Le Roi mine, which exceeded its previous record once more. The total for the week was 4062 tons, making the Le Roi's total for the year to date 35,452 tons and the total for the whole camp for the year to date 55,456 tons.

The Le Roi Machinery

At the Le Roi machinery plant the battery of boilers received from Sherbrooke has been bricked in and the machinists are now making the pipe connections. Such pieces of the new compressor as have arrived from the same place are being placed in the compressor building ready to be assembled on the arrival of the whole.

Ore in the Nickel Plate.

The ore body encountered on the south side of the Nickel Plate shaft in cutting a station at the 600-foot level proves to be 5½ feet wide. The cutting of this station is not yet completed. The new hoist-house has been boarded in and is being shingled. Plans are also being prepared for the ore house and bunkers, which will be erected close to the shaft house and alongside a spur of the Red Mountain railway.

Waiting for a Spur

Although ore bins have been built for the Josie and No. 1 at the railroad terminal of the tramway, the beginning of shipments will have to await the construction of a spur from the Red Mountain railroad, which is under contemplation.

War Eagle to Resume Sinking

The main shaft of the War Eagle is now timbered to the seventh level, and the guides and rails for the permanent skip road are now being placed. With good luck, it is hoped that a new contract for sinking can be let within a week. At the same time a start will be made to open up the seventh level east from the shaft. Owing to the split in the ledge, the drift will be run about 40 feet and then a crosscut made north and south to strike the two branches of the ledge. Drifting and upraising on the fifth and sixth levels continues as before, the drifts having averaged about 100 feet in the month of May.

The ore bins are to be rebuilt double their former size close to the hoist-house, so as to do away with the 90 feet of covered tramway through which men had formerly to push the cars to them. The gravity tramway will therefore be extended to the hoist-house. The new hoist will be started tomorrow and what ore is broken in development will be hoisted and stored at the head of the tramway.

Work in the Centre Star.

The timbers in the main Centre Star shaft are now practically completed and the station at the fourth, or 500-foot, level is now being timbered. During June drifting will be resumed both ways on this level and sinking will also be resumed. The level has also been driven about 90 feet west and 80 feet east and showed a nice body of ore. The tunnel from the surface has made connection with the upraises from the first level and a drift westward is now in progress through good ore. On the second level square sets are being placed in the large stopes, a work which will probably take a month. Raise No. 386, east of the large fault, has been completed from the third to the second level and about 150 feet west of it, on the west side of the fault, raise No. 387 has been started. The main drift east on the third level advanced about 100 feet in May and shows a nice body of ore, on which a raise may be put up this month. Raises No, 256 and 263 from the second level near the Iron Mask line are being carried on and will be completed this month.

The force of the War Eagle and Centre Star companies is now over 300 men of whom rather more than half are above ground.

The Iron Mask.

The north vein of the Iron Mask having been reached at a distance of 105 feet by the crosscut on the 400-foot level, further work on it has been stopped and drifting east on the main vein has been started. The west shaft was finished to the 500-foot level and the east shaft to the 275-foot level today. Crosscuts will now be run to the main vein from the bottom of both shafts and levels will then be opened up.

STEAMER TRAIL BURNED.

One of the C. P. R.'s Columbia River Boats Is Destroyed

The steamer Trail, one of the C. P. R. boats which has plied on the Columbia river for the past half dozen years, was burned to the waters edge last Friday night.

City Employes Must Pay Fare

Montreal, June 4.—For some time past policemen and other civic employes have been carried through the city by the street railway company gratis, but owing to the friction existing between the company and the city regarding the schedules it is understood the railway company proposes exacting fares from all these employes.

WORST FAKE ON RECORD

Robert Roosevelt's Severe Criticism on the Paris Exposition

New York, June 4.—Robert B. Roosevelt, just back from Paris, criticizes the exposition most severely. He says:

"It is the worst fake and fraud that was ever perpretrated on mankind."

Sir Charles Tupper on Politics.

Picton, Ont., June 4.—Sir Charles Tupper was accorded a warm welcome here Saturday afternoon. He delivered a speech dealing with the political topics of the day. David Henderson, M. P., also made a speech, strongly condemning the government for alleged non-fulfilment of election pledges.

DUTCH CONGRESS

It Assumes to Dictate Terms of Settlement with the Boers.

Graaf Reinet, Cape Colony, May 31.—The people's congress opened here today. Of those present many were Dutch clergymen, commoners and bondites. Mr. Devilliers, brother of Chief Justice Devilliers, presided. Mr. Pretorius, a member of the legislative assembly, offered a resolution declaring that, in the opinion of a majority of Cape Colony colonists, the immediate cause of the war was the unwarranted, intolerable interference of the ministry in London in the internal affairs of the South African republics. A member, speaking in support of the resolution, said it would be impossible to hold out the hand of friendship after the war. The chairman advised moderation in all the speeches. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Other resolutions presented affirmed that, if the republics were annexed, the peace and prosperity of the country would be irretrievably wrecked and that, in order to insure lasting friendship and prosperity, the settlement must include the restoration of unqualified freedom and independence to the republics and the colonies be allowed a voice in the appointment of a governor of Cape Colony, thus obviating the necessity of keeping a standing army, as the republicans would be prepared to assist the colonists to resist any foreign inroads in South Africa. Unity would be insured and loyalty to Great Britain cemented.

A delegation was appointed to visit Great Britain, Canada and Australia to explain the views of those represented at the congress.

FRENCH AT FRONT

Was Opposed Throughout but Holds Strong Position

London, June 2.—10:30 a. m.—Lord Roberts reports to the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, as follows:

"Johannesburg, May 31.—9:40 a. m.—French's report of his operations during May 28 and 29 reached me at 3 a. m. today. He was opposed throughout his march, but managed to drive off the enemy from the strong positions they successively held with very little loss and is now holding the place which I directed him to do, north of Johannesburg. Two officers were wounded and two men were killed and 27 wounded."

Where Is General French?

London, June 2.—Lord Roberts' last report of the movements of the British troops in the Transvaal is somewhat mysterious. From the fact that General French's report took two days to reach the commander-in-chief at Johannesburg, it is believed that either French must be many miles north of the city, or he is having trouble with his communications. The former is generally accepted as the most probable, and it is surmised that Lord Roberts' vague phase setting forth that French "is now holding the place which I directed him to do, north of Johannesburg," means that his position is quite close to Pretoria. The additional fact that Lord Roberts' dispatch published today is dated four hours earlier than the one given out yesterday, and that it takes the proceedings no further than May 31, leads to the inevitable conclusion that some important movement is on foot, or that Lord Roberts himself has not been able to keep his lines clear behind him.

Possibly the next place Lord Roberts will be heard from will be Pretoria, while it seems that French should certainly be within striking distance of the capital today.

Rundle Back at Senekal.

General Rundle appears to have returned to Senekal after fighting eastward and contemplates a forward movement. Boer prisoners say 50 men were killed and many wounded in the recent fight.

Secretary Reitz's Forecast.

The Cologne Gazette publishes a letter from State Secretary Reitz of April 26, saying:

"The British government promised the British nation that the cost of the war shall be defrayed by the Boers. But as the latter will not be in a position to pay, Great Britain must obtain the money from the gold mines, which will thereby be mulcted of half the net profits, whereas the Transvaal never levied a special tax on gold. The instigators of the war, Rhodes, Werner and others, will suffer the loss. In addition, the British will have to maintain a garrison of 50,000 men, the cost of which the mines will also have to pay. As soon as the British troops are withdrawn, war and rebellion will break out, not for years but for centuries. For England, this means a constant source of trouble and annoyance and bloodshed."

Kruger Half Way to the Frontier.

Lorenzo Marques, June 2.—President Kruger yesterday was still at Marchdorp, about half way between Pretoria and the Portuguese frontier, on the railroad between the Transvaal capital and Delagoa Bay.

Boer commandos totalling about 10,000 men held, Thursday, all the positions and hills around Pretoria. Another large commando was at Bronkshurst Spruit, about 40 miles from Pretoria, on the railroad leading to Delagoa Bay.

Telegraphic communication with the Transvaal is closed to the public. Feverish anxiety prevails here, owing to the almost total absence of news from either side.

Making Kruger's Treasure Safe.

The object here of the trip of Frichie Eloff, President Kruger's son-in-law, and Dr. Heyman, the president's physician, appears to have been to place a large amount of gold in safety.

Brabant Has Boers Surrounded.

Maseru, Basutoland, May 31.—General Brabant has practically surrounded the Boers five miles out of Ficksburg. The only side open for the Boers' retreat is the Basutoland border, where thousands of Basutos under Chief Jonathan are awaiting events.

The Grenadier Guards were the heaviest sufferers during General Rundle's fighting. They lost 30 men killed and had 86 wounded.

Met Opposition All the Way.

London, June 2.—3:12 p. m.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Johannesburg, June 1.—9:25 p. m.—Sir Henry Colville, in reporting the arrival of the Highland brigade at Heilbron, May 22, says that he was opposed more or less the whole way from Ventersburg. Eight men were killed and four officers and 32 men were wounded. Colville says the Lancashire battery of field artillery did excellent work. Grant's naval guns were most valuable and the troops behaved in a most soldierly manner throughout the trying march.

"Rundle telegraphs that his casualties were 32 killed and 150 men wounded."

Losses Among Canadians.

Ottawa, June 2.—The militia department this morning received a cable from Major Ogilvie, commanding E battery on special service at Douglas, Cape Colony, dated June 2, announcing the following casualties among the Canadians in a night attack on Faber's farm:

Killed—Corporal W. Latimer, of the Fifteenth Shefford field battery; wounded—Corporal H. M. Brown Bombadier J. McAskill of B battery, severely; Driver J. H. Kane and Gunner G. H. Ross, B battery, slightly; H. B. Tate, Gunner C. Woolard, Eighteenth field battery, slightly; G. W. Fletcher, Halifax, and C. Jackson, Pictou garrison, slightly.

Capetown, June 3.—The telegraph to Pretoria is still open, but the town is in great confusion. There has been a general exodus, among those taking part in it being the foreign fighting legions. Six special trains left on Wednesday last, and one of them is reported to have been derailed. No British refugees have arrived.

Trying to Envelop the Boers.

London, June 4.—London is today enjoying Whit Monday, a bank holiday, and is not disturbed by engagements beetwen Boer and British in South Africa. The public are full of confidence that Roberts will reach Pretoria before many hours have elapsed. The latest explanation of the delay consists in the supposition that he is giving several columns of his flank an opportunity to advance and envelope such of the Boers as are in the neighborhood of Pretoria.

Keeping Their Eye on Steyn.

In the Orange River colony, the burghers are reported to be keeping a close watch upon Presiden Steyn to prevent him from leaving the commandos in the lurch.

Boers Capture Small Parties

Maseru, Basutoland, June 1.—General Brabant's horse have been the subjects of several small captures at the hands of the Boers. Lieutenant Rundle was captured with 20 men, while searching a farmhouse in the Ficksburg district. Two of the enemy were injured. Lieut. Lees and two men were captured while commandering. Another patrol of Burgher horse numbering 20 men was surrounded and captured.

The White Flag Violated

Count Gleichen sent 13 men of the provincial horse with a flag of truce, to Senakal, to demand the surrender of that place. The Boers captured the entire party and, after robbing the men of all but their clothing, sent them to Vrede, whence some of them managed to escape. Most of those who succeeded in eluding their guards were captured.

WHAT COMES NEXT

Breakdown of Boer Army to Be Followed by Guerilla War.

London, June 2.—Popular opinion has proclaimed the advent of victory in South Africa. The nation has made up its mind that the war is over; that the prestige of British arms is restored; that President Kruger is vanquished; that priceless territory has been annexed; that humanity has not been staggered, and that, led by that little Sir Galshad, Bobs, Great Britain's army has fulfilled the most optimistic expectations.

It is scarcely surprising in view of the bewildering rapidity of Lord Roberts' progress during the last week, that the troubles still ahead of the army in South Africa receive only a passing thought. Nevertheless among the few more serious minded, who have intimated knowledge of the Boers and the plans of the war office, there exist grave apprehensions of developments in the near future.

In the systematic retreat of the Boers they see the possibility of long drawn out guerilla fight, treks into Rhodesia, internal disorganization in the Transvaal due to bandits and a thousand and one lawless elements that evolve themselves from a heterogeneous army after it ceases to be an organized body. Some of the most accurate authorities on Sonth African matters say Major General Frederick Carrington's work in Rhodesia may only begin when Lord Roberts finishes.

An extraordinary incident in connection with the battering in of the coast ironclad Belle Isle by the battleship Majestic has just leaked out. It appears that the loaded bow torpedo of the Belle Isle was discharged by the effect of the shells of the Majestic and only smart manouvreing on the part of the modern warship saved her from being blown up by the self released projectile of the old hulk.

DEATH OF WILLIAM NICHOLSON

William Nicholson died of pneumonia at Rossland Monday at the Dominion hotel. He had been ill only three days and was on the street on Saturday evening.

He was 34 years of age and unmarried, his home being in Toronto. He was a drygoods clerk by trade, having formerly been employed at John Heckelman's store. After residing here for some time he went to the coast, whence he returned about six months ago.

His Eye Injured by Flying Steel

While John Anderson was at work at the Arthur mine, the point broke off his hammer and two small pieces of steel lodged in his right eye. He delayed having them removed for several days and the eye ball was seriously injured, but the sight will be saved.

LESSONS OF THE WAR.

Observations of American Attaches to Be Published in Pamphlets

New York, June 4.—So important are the lessons taught by the Boer war that Secretary Root has given instructions that the report of the American army officers who have been sharply watching the South African military operations be published in pamphlet form for the benefit of the service, says a Washington special to the Herald. Captain Sloacam, Eighth cavalry, and Captain Karl Reichman are with the British and Boer forces respectively.

Officers of the army who have been closely following the war say that, while the lessons taught cannot be regarded as specially new, the operations have substantiated these important conclusions: The avoidance of frontal attacks upon the enemy's position, especially in close-order formation; the necessity of having the latest small arms and artillery; the undesirability of risking artillery, as General Buller did at Colenso; the value of effective scouting; the presence of ample cavalry and artillery.

CRISIS IN CHINA

Anti-Foreign Party Advises Giving the Boxers a Free Rein

Pekin, June 3.—The most alarming reports are constantly arriving in from the country, especially Pao Tien Fu. The telegraph wires from Pekin to Pao Tien Fu are cut and all news comes via Tien Tsin.

It is reported that a serious contretemps exists at the palace. The ultra-Conservative party advocates not taking repressive measures, urging the dowager empress to allow the Boxers to finish the work of driving out the foreigners.

It is impossible to confim or deny the report, but significant indications of the feeling of the government towards foreigners are contained in the attempt to arrest Lin, Chinese manager of the Pekin syndicate; Kia, chief of the Shan-Hi commercial bureau; and Fan, a leading banker of Shan-Hi, on the ground that they were dangerous characters, but in reality because they were connected with new British enterprises. All of them were absent and they have not yet been arrested.

The British minister, Sir Claude McDonald, has addressed a note to Tsu Lamen demanding why the arrests were ordered.

Huan Tsun, the next station to Fong Tai, was burned this morning and a bridge damaged. Traffic between Tien Tsin and Pekin has been suspended. It is reported that Pao Ting Fu was attacked last night.

Mr. Robinson of the North China mission (not Mr. Stevenson, as cabled by the Associated Press last night) is missing, and five native Christians have been murdered at Zang Ching. Mr. Norman, of the same mission, has been captured at Wu Chia Ying, two miles from Yang Ching, and is in great danger.

The British cruiser Endymion an the torpedo boat Hart have arrived at Taku.

Tien Tsin, June 3.—Two more of the party of foreigners who fled from Pao Tien have arrived here. One of them was badly injured. The relief expedition has returned.

The party of mounted Cossacks that started in search of the refugees returned. They report that they had a fight with the Boxers at Tuli, killing 16 and wounding many. Lieutenant Bleuzkrey, Dr. Hamilton, a trooper and a civilian were wounded.

It is reported from Pao Ting that eight Americans and three members of the China inland mission are missing. The missionaries are in great danger. No further news has been received regarding the missing refugees.

The Professor Out in the Hills

Professor F. R. Blochberger was in Rossland Monday after an absence of 14 weeks looking after his mining interests. He was at Windermere and Peterboro, in which district he has the Morning Glory, Mountain Goat and other claims, and at Lardeau, where he has been working six or seven men on the Selkirk group. He goes out tonight with a party of friends to see a property in the Lardeau country. Shortly after his return he will go to San Francisco to interest capital in the Victoria on Murphy creek, on which he has a ledge measuring 62 feet 7 inches wide.

Skirmishes in the Philippines

Manila, June 4.—Yesterday General Funston with 25 men engaged 50 of the enemy 25 miles east of San Miguel de Mayumo. Captain George J. Godfrey, of the Twenty-second regiment, and one private were killed. The enemy's loss is not reported. Twenty-five armed insurgents have surrendered at Calire, Island of Panay.

The three dynamiters who tried to blow up the Welland canal lock were sentenced to life imprisonment. To make the punishment fit the crime, they should be confined in a penal powder factory.

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EDITORIAL CROPPINGS.

Vote early tomorrow, but not often, lest you spend your future in durance vile.

Town voters should get in their votes early tomorrow, so as to give the fellows from the country a show.

A hint to the wise is sufficient. Politicians should imitate the Pretoria enthusiasts and get in their celebration before the poll closes tomorrow.

There will be a dual funeral in Kaslo tomorrow evening and the voice of the mourners will be heard in the streets. Election cards will be in order.

Followers of the three candidates believe 120 votes will be cast here tomorrow. Of that amount Green is to get 70, Kane 70 and Keen 70. Who's who?

The eyes of the province are on the contests waging in Rossland, Nelson and Slocan. It behooves the friends of responsible government to do their duty tomorrow.

Little Willie McInnes is preparing a soft place for his revered pa to fall after tomorrow's results are known. He says pa has wanted to resign the lieutenant-governorship for the past two years. Pa's fall is liable to be hard.

Pretoria has fallen and our Empire has been vindicated. Great Britain is again re-instated as the chiefest of nations. Her soldiers are as of old and Bobs and his generals are proven men of war. Britannia rules the waves and her sons the veldt. Thus it is the world's map is being gradually painted red.

A superlative amount of enthusiasm was worked off throughout the whole country over the reported capture of Pretoria by the British. The enthusiasts were a celebration ahead, as the expected did not happen till this week. However, they knew it was coming, because Bobs had said so, consequently no fault can be found.

Socialism is not in it with Duns muir: he of coal fame. This week he goes the public one better and announces the exclusion of the Japs as well as the Chinese from his mines. He has even chartered a special boat to bring out European miners and their families. Great is Dunsmuir! He would make a better immigration agent than Windy Young.

Canadians in the Transvaal war have made a name for themselves that will endure through ages. Wherever courage, determination and skill were wanted, there the Canucks were found, always in the van. No important operation has transpired without some of our boys being in the fray. Boer and Briton alike have a higher conception of the Canadians.

The full court of the province has just given judgment in the Nelson voters' case, confirming all the objected names in the right to exercise their franchise tomorrow. This verdict makes doubly sure the election of John Houston, who deserves credit for the plucky fight he has put up. The court's decision will be bitter reading for those who were at the bottom of the plot, which will but tend the more emphatically to encompass their own confusion.

R. C. Clute, Q. C., who was the commissioner appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the recent labor troubles in this country, has made his report, which is a lengthy affair. In it he estimates the capital operating in Southern British Columbia at $30,000,000 and the number of employees in January last at 4,500, coal miners excepted. After going into the origin of the labor difficulty and the importation of aliens by the mine-owners, Mr. Clute suggests the passage of a conciliation act governing labor disputes in Canada. He recommends the appointment of a conciliator, with power to take evidence under oath and to do everything necessary to bring the contesting parties to an amicable understanding. Mr. Clute's ideas are good so far as they go, but no one peacemaker will make a success of an extensive trouble similar to what was lately experienced in British Columbia. The New Zealand arbitration law is the surest and best machinery to obtain.

MINING RECORDS.

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

LOCATIONS.

May 26—Sunset, Ten Mile, J Smith.
Midnight, same, W J Thompson.
Peerless fr, Springer ck, M Isaacson.
Don fr, 1st n f Lemon, W D McGregor.
Midnight, s e of town, J Law.

May 28—Holter, Twelve Mile ck, R Kurtzhals.

June 1—Camp Fire, Springer creek, E Jack.
Star Pointer, same, same.
Teapot, same, B F McNaught.
Frying Pan, same, same.
Montrose, Jack ck, N McMillan.
Queen of the May, Robertson ck, H Fife.

ASSESSMENTS.

May 26—Chapleau fr No 1, St Lawrence, Dalhousie No 2, Mountain Lily, Kimberley, Alpena fr, Mountain Chief. 28—Keystone, Centre Star, Aztec and Aztec No 2 for two years, Surprise. 29—Golden West for two years, Lost Jack, Clariot. 31—Gray Copper, Oh My, Celebration, Mountain Lion, Royal, Admiral, Advertiser. June 1—Maine. 2—Midnight, Vicksburg.

TRANSFERS.

May 26—Burlington fr all and Native Silver fr ½, R Cooper to J Lawson.
Golden Hill, J C Shook files notice to ½ interest, $150.
Bachelor ⅜, J Campbell to T. Lake.

29—Port Hope 1-5, H L Fife to Thos Montgomery.
Same 1-5, T Montgomery to T Lake.
Chapleau, J C Gwillim, J E Tattersall, B Robertson and Frank Dick to J M Williams, $30,000.

31—Leon, Manhattan and Berkshire, Slocan-Kilo Mining Co to P Dickenson.

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Of the Slocan Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District:

Having received the unanimous nomination of the Liberal convention, held in Sandon on the 18th day of May, 1900, and deeming it to be absolutely necessary in the interest of the people of this Riding that there be elected a representative pledged to the principles of Justice and Good Government, and working in accordance with the platform of the Hon. Joseph Martin, as enunciated by him, and pledged to the support of the Government; and believing that the interests of the toiling masses are paramount to all others, I do hereby pledge myself to advance and protect the interests and rights of Labor, and to support the platform of the Hon. Joseph Martin, which is published below. But as the causes which led to the insertion in the said platform of the clauses relating to the plebiscite in reference to the Eight-Hour Law no longer exist, the Hon. Joseph Martin and his colleagues have now declared that no such plebiscite shall be taken, and in this I heartily concur. I, therefore, have the honor to solicit your votes and influence.

Respectfully submitted.

I am, Gentlemen, yours sincerely,

GEO. T. KANE.

Platform of Hon. J. Martin:

1. The abolition of the $200 deposit for candidates for the Legislature.

2. The bringing into force, as soon as arrangements can be completed, of the Torrens Registry system.

3. The Redistribution of the constituencies on the basis of population, allowing to sparsely populated districts a proportionately larger representation than to populous districts and cities.

4. The enactment of an accurate system of Government scaling of logs, and its rigid enforcement.

5. The re-enactment of the disallowed Labor Regulation Act, 1898, and also all the statutes of 1899, containing anti-Mongolian clauses, if disallowed, as proposed by the Dominion Government.

6. To take a firm stand in every other possible way with a view of discouraging the spread of Oriental cheap labor in this Province.

7. To provide for official inspection of all buildings, machinery and works, with a view to compelling the adoption of proper safeguards to life and health.

8. With regard to the Eight-Hour Law, the Government will continue to enforce the law as it stands. An immediate enquiry will be made by the Minister of Mines into all grievances put forward in connection with its operation, with a view of bringing about an amicable settlement. If no settlement is reached, the principle of the referendum will be applied and a vote taken at the general election as to whether the law shall be repealed. If the law is sustained by the vote, it will be retained upon the statute book with its penalty clause. If modifications can be made, removing any of the friction brought about, without impairing the principle of the law, they will be adopted. If the vote is against it the law will be repealed.

9. To re-establish the London Agency of British Columbia, and to take every effective means of bringing before the British public the advantages of this Province, as a place for the profitable investment of capital.

10. The retaining of the resources of the Province as an asset for the benefit of the people, and taking effective measures to prevent the alienation of the public domain, except to actual settlers, or for actual bona fide business, or industrial purposes, putting an end to the practice of speculating in connection with the same.

11. The taking of active measures for the systematic exploration of the Province.

12. The borrowing of money for the purpose of providing roads, trails and bridges, provided that in every case the money necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund in connection with the loan shall be provided by additional taxation so as not to impair the credit of the Province.

13. In connection with the construction of Government roads and trails, to provide by the employment of competent civil engineers and otherwise that the Government money is expended upon some system which will be advantageous to the general public, so that the old system of providing roads as a special favor to supporters of the Government may be entirely discontinued.

14. To keep the ordinary annual expenditure within the ordinary annual revenue, in order to preserve intact the credit of the Province, which is its best asset.

15. To adopt a system of Government construction and ownership of railways, and immediately to proceed with the construction of a railway on the south side of the Fraser river, connecting the coast with the Kootenay district, with the understanding that unless the other railways now constructed in the Province give fair connections, and make equitable joint freight and passenger arrangements, the Province will continue this line to the eastern boundary of the Province. Proper connection with such Kootenay railway to be given to the Island of Vancouver. With respect to other parts of the Province, to proceed to give to every portion of it railway connection at as early a date as possible, the railway when constructed to be operated by the Government through a commission.

16. A railway bridge to be constructed in connection with the Kootenay railway across the Fraser river, at or near New Westminster, and running powers given over it to any railway company applying for the same, under proper conditions.

17. In case it is at any time thought advisable to give a bonus to any railway company, the same to be in cash, and not by way of a land grant; and no such bonus to be granted except upon the condition that a fair amount of the bonds or shares of the company be transferred to the Province, and effective means taken to give the Province control of the freight and passenger rates, and provision made against such railway having any liabilities against it except actual cost.

18. To take away from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council any power to make substantive changes in the law, confining the jurisdiction entirely to matters of detail in working out the laws enacted by the Legislature.

19. The establishment of an institution within the Province for the education of the Deaf and Dumb.

20. To repeal the Alien Exclusion Act, as the reasons justifying its enactment no longer obtain.

21. An amicable settlement of the dispute with the Dominion Government as to Deadman's Island, Stanley Park and other lands, and an arrangement with Mr. Ludgate, by which, if possible, a sawmill industry may be established and carried on on Deadman's Island, under satisfactory conditions, protecting the interests of the public.

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