

# THE ATLIN CLAIM

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

### A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters.

(SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.)

Vancouver, Aug. 9.—Joseph Martin withdrew from the contest against W. J. Bowser, who was elected by a large majority over the socialist candidate, who lost his deposit.

Vancouver, Aug. 9.—The notorious Bill Miller, who was under a life sentence in the Westminster penitentiary for holding up a transcontinental train near Kamloops, made good his escape yesterday accompanied by three other convicts. They had been working in the brickyard and dug their way under the fence.

Amlerst, Ont., Aug. 9.—A wire has been received from Sir Charles Tupper to say that it is impossible for him to be present at the Old Time Re-Union, to be held here in his honor, on account of the illness of Lady Tupper.

Ottawa, Aug. 9.—The metal for the new Canadian Mint will be secured from the smelters at Hamilton, Ontario, and Trail, British Columbia.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 2.—A startling sensation was developed here yesterday when a number of the boarders of Steel's restaurant were poisoned by a solution of arsenic being mixed up with the porridge.

Paris, Aug. 9.—Special despatches from Tangier represent the situation as being more alarming on the coast than in the interior. The Administrator of Customs at Rabat, is said to be openly preaching a holy war among the Mussulmans.

Tangier, Aug. 9.—The French sailors are guarding the British consulate at Casa Blanca, where the consular agents of Germany, Austro-Hungary, United States and Sweden have sought refuge. The European shops have been pillaged but no Europeans killed. The French consulate was attacked by Moors on the night of August 5th. One bluejacket of the guard was killed and three others badly wounded.

Brussels, Aug. 9.—A simple Druidical stone is to be placed at Waterloo in commemoration of Victor Hugo. The inscription will be "To Victor Hugo, the immortal bard of Waterloo."

Melbourne, Aug. 9.—The Australian minister of trade and commerce has brought forward an amended tariff. There are numerous instances of preference being given to British produce and manufactures, with reductions ranging from five to ten per cent.

New York, Aug. 9.—Three men convicted, two pleaded guilty, and

one discharged in the court yesterday, in cases involving the attacks upon women and children during the last few days.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—Emperor William has given his warm support to the movement on foot in commercial circles for the establishment of an English college for the teaching of the English language.

Belfast, Aug. 9.—The troops took possession of the streets of Belfast yesterday morning and very strong guards were posted at the Custom House Square and other centres.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 9.—There is no information here regarding the report that Germany has made a loan to Russia of \$62,500,000 for the reconstruction of her fleet. The understanding is that all warships are to be built in Germany.

New York, Aug. 9.—"Unless old Mother Nature plays a new trump card this time," said Commander Peary yesterday, "I will certainly reach the North Pole this time, assuming, of course, that I retain my health."

### Local and General News.

McDonald's Grocery makes a specialty of fresh eggs and butter.

The Latest Magazines— at C. R. Bourne's.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables coming in on every boat.—E. L. Pillman.

Sam Johnson fell off his water wagon last Monday.

Dr. H. E. Young, provincial secretary, member for the Atlin district, is due to arrive in Atlin on Friday, August 16th.

Keep in mind the Arctic Brotherhood picnic dated for August 24th. A trip on the Scotia to the north end of the lake and a good time assured. The ladies are to accompany the Brotherhood this time.

The citizens of Atlin and Discovery will be glad to know that the public schools will be open at the end of the present holiday term as per usual. Thanks to the untiring and intelligent efforts of Mr. F. W. Dowling, chairman of the school board, and the co-operation of Dr. H. E. Young, the minister of education, this pleasing result was accomplished.

Nearly 100 people attended the Masonic excursion held last Wednesday, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The day was a perfect one and added much to the pleasure of the trip on the steamer Scotia. About forty of the excursionists made a pilgrimage to view the wonderful scenic beauties of the glacier. The Masons proved ideal hosts and looked after the wants of their guests in a generous and substantial manner. They have every reason to feel proud of themselves and the success that attended their venture.

The fires that were raging about the head of Spruce seem to have become about extinct.

E. S. Busby, inspector of customs, visited Atlin Friday. He has travelled the country from one extreme to the other but, he says, "Atlin is the prettiest place of all, and I'm always pleased to pay it a visit."

The committee organising the dance to be given next Wednesday evening in the Kootenay hall, on the occasion of Mrs. Haslett's departure from Atlin, hereby tender a cordial invitation to all to attend. No individual invitations will be sent out.—W. G. Paxton, chairman of committee.

The many friends of Mrs. James Haslett will read with regret of the intended departure from Atlin of the lady, accompanied by her family. They leave on the 20th for Skagway. It is intended to hold an informal farewell dance to mark the occasion.

The annual report of the minister of mines is to hand. It is a credit to the department. There are some 280 pages of exhaustive and interesting reports from every portion of our fair province. It is profusely illustrated with mining and other scenes which are artistic and very instructive.

Additional subscriptions to the Cemetery Fund are as follows:—Moran, Carmichael & Co., \$5.00; Arnold Potter & Co., Wm. Bock \$1; of Otter creek. G. G. Brown, Vic. Ericson and F. E. Little, \$3.00; of Birch creek. Gierke & Co., \$5.00. Mrs. Machell \$1.00, N. S. Fisher \$1.00, Joe Renner \$1.00, Van Volkensburg & Co., \$3.00; of Wright creek.

We had a call from one of the boys on Spruce last Wednesday. He objected to what had been said about him in the paper, and stated that he would be back in ten days and wipe the staff out of existence. In view of our demise we ask all those who owe us money to call and pay so that we can settle up our affairs. We think we would like to be 'waked,' and Mr. Kosselli has kindly placed the Kootenay hall at our disposal. Everybody is invited and we feel sure you will all have a good time. Joe Tallaire will have charge of the refreshments and Tom Hanna, on account of his doleful and sombre cast of countenance and because he can borrow a black suit, will act a double capacity as musical director and chief mourner. It will be impossible for us to make a personal canvass as the time is very short, however, we hope no one will feel offended and stay away from the 'wake' on that account. If the crowd will stand for it and Jimmy Lipscombe is not too much overcome, he will sing "Little Willie is no more," then Jack Carusel will pass the hat and with the proceeds go

quietly down the stairs with the jug. We apologise to anyone who has it coming and forgive friends and enemies alike. Barney Taylor is to have our pocket flask, the two pink night shirts are to be equally divided between John and George Shirely, we leave our debts to Frank Mobley and our thirst and two-and-a-half to Joe Palmer for looking after our sole. There is half a case of beer in the office, but that will be finished, very likely, our other and all effects are to be raffled, as that seems an easy way of getting the money, the proceeds to be sent to some deserving Japanese foreign mission. We guess that's all. Be very glad to have any of our friends to drop in and invite us to have one, there will soon be no opportunity to do so. We are sorry to have to go, but our caller was very positive, so we are struggling to become resigned, we are consoled with the thought that it happens but once in a life time.

### Graham Creek Holders.

To the Editor:

Sir.—I think it is a matter of some importance that the public should have information as to the state of affairs on Graham creek.

This creek was staked in ten leases in the early spring of 1903 and has been kept closed ever since. The leases were not issued until 1904 and late 1905, the reason being, to delay as long as possible, thus relieving the applicants from paying rent until the date of issue, and at the same time keeping the ground closed.

We have reached 1907, almost at the end of the season, and to date not a shovel has been put into the ground by anyone with the idea of doing any legitimate work, except that done at present by Mr. Walter Aiken and partner, who have been able to recover some gold, but are unable to stake any ground. I notice on the records of the office the names of the Ware family, Mr. N. C. Wheeling, Wm. Muir, and others, as being the parties controlling the creek. All, with the exception of Mr. Wheeling, are absentees, and the others are represented by agents. Mr. Muir is represented by the Gold Commissioner.

The rentals on the leases have been paid for the first year.

### CAHIRMORE.

[Enquiries were made of the Gold Commissioner bringing forth the statement that the assertion made in Cahirmore's letter that "Mr. Muir is represented by the Gold Commissioner," is absolutely false. As to the other information asked for it may be had from the Minister of Mines, the Gold Commissioner has no authority to satisfy curiosity on those points.—Ed.]

Toilet Soaps at reduced prices.—C. R. Rourne.



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### The Cemetery Fund.

Subscribers to the Cemetery Fund are rather dilatory. This we can only attribute to the urgency of the matter not having been sufficiently realized by our readers.

To allow the cemetery to remain in a practically unfenced condition and in a state of discreditable neglect shows an irreverence for the dead which we cannot for one moment believe the people of the district will tolerate.

Men are scarce who can spare the time at this busy season of the year, to canvas for contributions; and, therefore, we earnestly appeal to everyone who is blessed with coins inscribed "In God We Trust," to promptly and heartily support this most worthy and dutiful project.

### Rats Mit The Japs.

Now! what do you think of it? We are given to understand, no 'josh,' that in some part of lower British Columbia the Japanese have asked to have a post office, and, we presume, a Japanese post master.

This is surely getting 'chesty,' yet it is just what we must expect if the present invasion is allowed to continue. The population of Canada has been increasing in leaps and bounds the last five years, and we think we are right when we say the population must number over seven million. And an immense tide of immigration is still steadily flowing Canadaward. Now, look to Japan. Her population is something over forty-six millions and they are huddled together on a group of small islands that, area considered, might be dropped in some remote part of British Columbia and never be heard of or seen again. She is throwing off her population as fast as steamships can be found to carry them, and unfortunately for us, Canada seem to be the 'land of promise' for the majority of these pilgrims. It requires but a moment's considering to show that at the present rate of coming a very short time will elapse and the Japanese will outnumber the whites of British Columbia, and then they will have enough of a surplus population left in Japan to swamp Canada. It is no strain on the imagination to conjure up a

Canada where the brown men outnumber the white two to one, after the fashion of the white and negro in the Southern States. Just let the imagination drift a little further along and figure how soon the natural increase of children will help to swell the numbers of Japanese. Why in a few years the Canadians will be driven from their own their native land.

Let the provincial government take the matter up, act on their own responsibility. They will have the people of the province behind them. Chuck politics to one side and present a united and an unbroken front to any and all who may wish to force this dirty horde of untaught and semi-barbaric people upon us. We don't want them; we don't need them; then why must we endure the pest? Just as it is the sacred right of man to ask an individual to his home or refuse him admission, so is Canada our home, and we have a perfect right to deny admittance to objectionables. Are we to stand passively by and have our home, our habitation, over-ran just to suit the ideas of some people at home in the Old Country, or of those in the eastern part of Canada? They do not know of our conditions in the West, and it's just a question if they they a rap. The longer the delay in asserting our rights the more difficult will be the situation to overcome.

Refuse a landing to the Japs and cable over to the land of the Mikado the news of it, adding the advice to ship no more. Let complications arise, what of it. McBride went to London and made his plea 'better terms,' and, if Laurier is not going to help British Columbia in this very serious matter we will have to take action ourselves. Put up the barriers and then send McBride back to the foot of the throne to state in emphatic terms that British Columbians strongly object to their home being made the dumping ground for thousands upon thousands of Japanese, or Chinese, or Hindus, or any colored race having a desire to infest our land.

If the stream is not shut off at once, without waiting to unwind or windup a lot of red tape, we will be fairly swamped.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

#### The Gold Laws.

To the Editor:

Sir.—In your issue of August 3rd there is a letter from the pen of a "Free Miner" re the Gold Laws, and containing what you consider pertinent suggestions. He also thinks it passing strange that neither political party can correct the

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anomalies in the gold laws. Before commenting on that he should correct the anomalies in his own letter. He vaguely condemns the Gold Laws and suggests remedies and then goes on to say there is no occasion to 'tinker' with the laws, but every occasion to elucidate and simplify them. I may be dense but it beats me how he is going to do so without 'tinkering' with them.

I am surprised at you, Mr. Editor, who wielded the pick and shovel yourself, when you approve of his suggestions, and you go further and advocate a foot race at a given time when any claim is open for staking.

If any individual in the district should be favored it is the pioneer prospector, whose chest has grown on the wrong side of his body through hard work, and whose muscles are knotted with rheumatism. Do you think he would consider it a 'fair and even chance' to be lined up with young bar-room miners and would-be athletes, who may be only a year or two in the country and who never set up a sluice box? I think not.

I understand all this jumping racket is over the size of the stakes. Now, if there is any section in the Placer Mining Act that doesn't need elucidation it is that one—a legal post shall be four inches square and four feet above the ground. A claim I understand was lost on that grounds in the highest courts, if that is good law, and I don't see why it shouldn't be, half the individual claims in the district are open for staking.

You could get lots of sensible suggestions and remedies for the anomalies in the Gold Laws from practical miners, but what is the use of airing them in your paper? We have done so to the proper party, and at the proper time and place, with no seeming result. At Dr. Young's suggestion we held two meetings of practical miners [not paper miners,] one of which he attended, and we passed what I consider sensible and reasonable amendments to the Placer Mining Act in the form of resolution and forwarded them to him and that was the last of them. Now, I want to refresh your memory re statements made by you and events that happened barely six months ago. You racked your editorial brain to show to the electors of this district the benefits that accrued to them from Dr. Young's representation in the past, and especially the benefits to be derived if we returned him again. We are waiting, Mr. Editor, for you to show them up, for we fail to see them, and I question if even his most ardent supporters, who turned a usually orderly hotel into a temporary Bedlam on the night of the elections—can show any. Of course, as you pointed out at that time, the fact of our member being made a cabinet minister reflected honor and glory on his constituents. That reflected halo which may be floating around our perspiring heads—but which we fail to see—wouldn't carry us far on a prospecting trip or supply pork and beans while we are doing the 'dead work' on a claim. The premier, whose cause you championed so well that you won a wire of thanks from him,

also promised to redress all our grievances, as far as in him lay, he is a lawyer and has been minister of mines long enough to know our troubles. Will you kindly turn your election searchlight on his performances in our behalf. Now, Mr. Editor, I am not a political sore-head, or a disappointed office seeker, as you know. I am asking these questions in good faith, and I expect you to answer them in the same spirit. When our member comes in and gives an account of his stewardship he will be asked them too, because I think his constituents want a live member to represent them, not a government automaton.

Meantime, 'apologising' for taking up so much space, and thanking you in anticipation, I am,

AN OLD TIMER.

Discovery, Aug. 5, 1907.

["An Old Timer" winds up his letter by saying: "I am asking these questions in good faith and expect you to answer them in the same spirit." He, like many more, hurles a number of questions and charges at an absent one, then sits on the case as judge and jury and tries and condemns, and still he has the assurance to remind that he is asking in good faith—has he not in good faith made up his mind before he asks?

Because he does not agree with the suggestions of "Free Miner" said suggestions are not good, also his misconception of the use of the work "tinker" is hardly a weighty argument.

As to the ideas expressed by us, i. e., to have all notices of ground being open posted at the government office in due time so all would have an opportunity to read and a fair and even chance to locate. Is there anything wrong about that, Old Timer? We think that would be even fair to 'the pioneer prospector' you so feelingly allude to. Of course, if he had a hoary head, a reversible back, and joints stiffened with age, hard work and rheumatism, we, and, we think, 'the young bar-room miners and would-be athletes,' as "An Old Timer" is pleased to call them, would give the old fellow a long start and probably help him carry his pack, in the race for re-location. Don't throw dirty water into the crowd just because you have no use for one or two of them.

"An Old Timer" then starts up another tree, and proceeds to ask questions regarding the doings of our representative and the premier. Our member will be in the district very shortly, and we feel quite safe in saying he will answer all questions put to him, in a satisfactory and reasonable manner.

Now, Old Timer, 'on the square' didn't you get out of bed on the wrong side the morning of the day you penned your epistle? Or did you wander out doors in the dark in your socks and stub your toe, or did you burn you mosh, or maybe you slipped and fell into the flume? Any of these little mishaps may have upset you, and in mistake for the ink you got hold of the vinegar bottle.—Ed.]

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**Re Jumping.**

To the Editor:

Sir:—Referring to your two articles on "Jumping" I had hoped in a subsequent issue to see somewhat of a modification of the extremely partizan attitude you have seen fit to take.

I read carefully the letter of Mr. R. D. Fetherstonhaugh which to my mind was very fair and manly. As pointed out by him, there are two sides to all questions, and in view of that was sorry to read the comment made thereon. There are two sides to every question, and as to whether the company on McKee creek have or have not a good title to the ground is hardly within the province of a paper to say. Don't take the say so of any Tom, Dick, or Harry, on either side, find out the facts and dish them up to your subscribers as news—without comment—always remembering that every camp has its sea lawyers, its gossips, maligners, know-alls, and liars; and poor Atlin more than its share of the scurvy crew. When the issues have been settled through the proper channels, and if one side has no right to step in, or the other side has been lax, lay the blame at the proper door and lay it on without fear or prejudice.

Don't forget—an attack on the bona fides, personal or financial standing of any one interested, will not effect in the minutest degree the legal status of the titles, and besides is unseemly. If the titles are good it will not make them better, and if bad—does it look good? And are the locators 'jumpers'?

The sooner individuals—it matters not their social or other standing—learn that the mining laws have to be complied with and will be carried out, the better for all concerned, whether corporations, individuals or absentee principals. The placer laws are good and plain and fair, and if carried out by individuals and officials alike, all interests will be safe and titles protected.

There is a saying, 'never send a boy to do a man's work,' also, that 'a knave may take a two-spot, but a king can always beat it.'

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[We offer a substantial prize for the best answer to the foregoing letter, we confess ignorance as to his motive and have neither space nor time for further comment.—Ed.]

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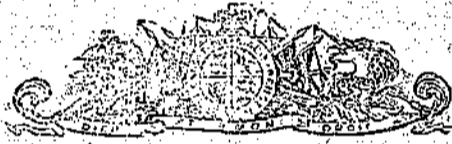
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