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TELEGRAPHIC.

A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters.

[SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.]

Special Telegrams to the Claim. Feb 20th 1908.

Vancouver :—

Twenty five Greek labourers who had contracted for railroad work at Cloverdale arrived by steamer from Seattle; they were denied a landing under the provisions of the Dominion Order in Council and they were returned to Seattle.

Chaplaau, Ont :—

The C. P. R. east-bound continental express train was wrecked by the breaking of a flange on the wheel of the mail car.

Three coaches were overturned one Japanese killed and thirteen injured.

Saskatoon, Sask :—

An executive of grain growers of three western provinces in conference, passed resolutions calling upon the Dominion Government to establish a system of terminal storage elevators, and to urge provincial governments to establish a system of interior elevators. Also an elevator at Vancouver to help to develope the Oriental trade.

Rawhide, Nev :—

A very rich gold strike on Balloon Mountain has caused a stampede to this place.

The population has increased by six thousand during the past week, the people are still pouring in.

Ottawa :—

Judge Burbidge, of the Exchequer Court of Canada, died yesterday.

He had been confined to his room for several weeks.

St. Johns, N. B. :—

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company are making borings on the west side of Courtenay Bay, with a view to establishing terminals at this place.

Pittsburg, Pa :—

The annual flood from the rivers is over this, and the adjoining States, doing immense damage to property.

Thousands have been driven from their homes and thrown out of work.

DONT MISS THE LEAP YEAR BALL, EVERYONE IS INVITED.

Victoria :—

The University Bill was again considered, but no changes of importance were made.

The Hudson's Bay Pacific Railway Bill has passed its third reading.

In reply to a question by Mr. Oliver, the Hon. H. E. Young stated that the Government had been at work all summer on the question of free text books for schools, but found that it was not practicable for the Government to print them, though they might be able to print the blank books, copy books, etc.

The Bill to amend the Constitution to provide a new department of public works and to increase the sessional indemnity to $1,200 passed its third reading.

McBride denies that 1750 Orientals work in the mines at Cumberland.

Victoria :—

Mr. Hawthornthwaite, in a violent speech, moved a resolution for a commission to enquire into the alleged violations for workers in underground mines.

He charged the statements made in the House on behalf of the Department of Mines as being incorrect, and said that 1750 Orientals were now employed in mines at Cumberland.

Mr. McBride replied saying that only 405 Orientals were employed, and denied generally that statements were incorrect.

If there were any reasons for a Commission, he would appoint one, but not unless more specific allegations were made.

Messrs. MacDonald and Oliver backed up the request for an investigation, but the resolution was defeated by 23 to 13.

The Natal Act Declared 'Ultra Vires' Under the B.N.A. Act.

Ottawa :—

The Minister of Justice in a report to the Cabinet on the Natal Act of British Columbia, says that it is ULTRA VIRES, under section 95 of the British North America Act.

The Cabinet will consider the Bill today.

Carnival at Atlin.

By our Society Editor.

Last Saturday's Skating Carnival at the Atlin rink was a most decided success in every respect.

To start with, Charlie Gilmore had the ice in the pink of condition, and a gang of willing helpers had decorated the building in a very artistic manner.

The costumes were numerous, and most of them showed very considerable taste and in many instances a large amount of originality.

The judges had no sinecure in awarding the prizes, which were handsome and appropriate.

The following were the prize winners :—

The best dressed lady :—

Miss Pillman — Little Bo peep.

Best sustained character :—

Mrs Tallmire — Kid Kanard and her Teddy Bears.

Best dressed gentleman :—

Fred Taylor — Canadian Snow Shoe Clubman.

Best sustained character :—

S. Giffner — Grim Death.

Best dressed boy :—

H. Costigan — Blackfoot Indian.

Best sustained character :—

C. Fraser — Teddy Bear.

Special :—

S. Johnston — The Dook Snook

Among other costumes, the following were noticeable :—

Miss Molyneaux	Spanish Lady.
Miss Carmichael	Queen of the Night.
Mrs Wheeling	Winter.
Mrs Pillman	Tambourine Girl.
Mrs Adams,	Sweet Girl Graduate
Miss Pineo	Gretchen.
O Conley,	Snowbank Nigger.
R. Webster	Bogey Man.
F. Doherty,	Mexican Cowpuncher
H. Pineo	A Dude Coon.
F. Lytle,	Just off the Range.
J. Cartmel	Irish Washerwoman.
L. Fraser	Dago Bear-tamer.

A capital selection of music was rendered by Walshe's Band, engaged at a large expense for the occasion, and this contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment both of skaters and onlookers.

The refreshment department was ably looked after by the well known chef and caterer August Brunich, and, as usual the 'Genial Gus' proved that he was, The right man

Altogether, it was a highly successful evening's entertainment.

A new line of Photo Post Cards, scenic, comic, otherwise, to suit all tastes at

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Attorney General Bonapart refused to send troops to Fairbanks.

Scabs on their way North from Seattle.

Special to The Claim

Fairbanks, Feb. 22nd.

The situation here is quiet.

Many of the men are returning to work.

Attorney General Bonapart refused to send troops and directed the Marshall to reduce the number of deputies.

The Saloons have re-opened.

Many men are on their way North from Seattle to replace the strikers.

Local and General News.

Edition de Luxe, Illustrated —
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NOTICE.

St. PATRICK'S DAY.

A Public Meeting will be held at the Police Office Atlin next Monday evening the 24th. inst. at eight oclock to arrange for an Entertainment to commemorate St. Patrick's Day, the proceeds of which will be given to our Hospital.

COME ON BOYS!!!

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WORK AND WAGES.

In Mr. Gairns' logical letter, which appears in another column, he brings to notice some original, and at the same time intelligible, ideas with regard to solving the labour problem.

Undoubtedly it is the duty of a government to guide and protect people in the way they should go, and, of course, governing powers can do much in this direction, but, they cannot do all!

We agree with our correspondent that, the Natal Act is not likely to have the desired effect of suppressing an excessive supply of Asiatic labour: other measures must be found — even if they are somewhat experimental — and the proposition to increase the wages of Asiatics on the lines suggested by Mr. Gairns, we think, is well worthy of the consideration of politicians and statesmen.

If no strong argument can be opposed to the policy; no doubt the government, would, with the consent of the electorate, adopt it and give it a fair trial.

Whether the majority of white labourers would consent or not it is rather difficult to say. It is well known that many hard working men are opposed to any interference whatever on the part of governments with regard to the wages for which they are prepared to work; and, there are others who are satisfied with enough to keep them alive and able to work until they can work no more; and, there are still some blessed men, who, are fanatical workers, and strive for more than money — to whom Work and Worship are synonymous terms.

Then there comes the question of supply and demand, and, whether Mr. Mammon, the terrible capitalist, can be coerced into parting with his gold on a basis and scale arranged by governments.

However if it is possible to get over these stumbling blocks to the progress and welfare of humanity, by all means let the attempt be made; for it is certain that any act which would tend to ameliorate the conditions of all working men, at the present juncture, would be welcomed by the whole civilized world.

Board of Trade.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Atlin District Board of Trade was held at the Court House on Friday the 14th inst.

The following gentlemen were present:—

Capt. Hathorn, Major Nevile, Messrs. Fraser, Dowling, Wawrecka, McDonald, Eggert, Pillman, Faulkner, Conley, Paxton and Anderson.

After the usual routine business, a communication from the Hon. Dr. Young, in regard to the Tagish Road and Atlinto River, was laid before the Board, and on being read produced considerable discussion.

Mr. Eggert moved, seconded by Mr. Dowling, that, the Secretary should acknowledge Dr. Young's letter and thank him for his suggestions.

It was also moved by Mr. Eggert, and seconded by Mr. Faulkner, that a committee be named to communicate with Mr. Law and the Yukon Council with the view of enlisting their interest in, and having a road built from Carcross to the B. C. Boundary at the North end of Atlin Lake.

The Vice President appointed Messrs. F. Dowling, W. Paxton and H. Brown to act as such Committee.

The question of the purchase by the Government of one of the Launches offered for sale by the N. W. M. P. then came up for discussion, and it was moved that the Secretary communicate with the Government Agent, and also with Dr. Young with the view of the Government purchasing one for use on Atlin Lake.

The following is the letter received from Dr. Young, mentioned above:—

R. B. Anderson, Esq.,
Secretary, Atlin Board of Trade,
Atlin, B. C.

Sir,

I am today in receipt of your communication of the 9th. instant, with regard to a resolution passed by the Atlin Board of Trade in reference to the continuance of the road from Atlin towards Car Cross, via Tagish; in reply I beg leave to refer you to the Minutes of your Board, as to the position taken by the Provincial Government on this question. The Provincial Government stand ready at any time to complete the road to the Sixtieth Parallel, a pledge to this effect was given by the Honourable McBride to the Atlin Board of Trade and has been repeated to the same body by myself at a later date. The Provincial Government have no power to expend monies other than within the Boundaries of the Province, and I would respectfully suggest to the Board that they memoralise the Yukon Council in an effort to obtain a sufficient appropriation for the construction of that part of the road lying within the Yukon Territory. The Board, of course have perfect liberty, in approaching the Yukon Council, to use the statement made by the Premier and later by myself, that your Board has secured a pledge from the Provincial Government for a sufficient amount to complete the road within British Columbian territory.

In a late copy of the "Claim", I notice an article referring to the

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matter, and also to the deepening of the Atlinto River, and referring to Mr. Sloan and myself as having made a great many pre-election promises, and that now was the time to carry them out. May I be permitted to refer to that article, as it was intimated that the matter would be taken up by the Board.

The promises made in regard to the Tagish Road hold good, providing the Board will assist me to carry them out, and I would also point out, although I do not hold a brief for Mr. Sloan, that in approaching the Dominion Government on the Atlinto River question, it would be better for the Board to obtain definite information as to who would receive the benefit of such expenditure. It could hardly be expected that the Dominion Government would expend a large sum of money in making the River navigable, for the benefit of the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, and I would suggest, as a member of your Board and a resident of the District, that it would be as well to obtain a written assurance from the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, that in the event of the Dominion Government spending a sufficient sum of money to make the River navigable, there would be a corresponding reduction in freight rates.

Unless you have some such assurance from the Railway Company, there is no guarantee that the Residents of the District would obtain any benefit from the expenditure of such money by the Dominion Government.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. E. Young.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

To the Editor,
Atlin Claim.

Sir,

During the turmoil occasioned by the influx of Asiatics, and the subsequent seeking after a reasonable solution of the problem, both by the Dominion and by the Provincial Houses of Parliament; two things were borne in upon my mind :—

One is – Are governments elected by the people to look after the people's interests, and to guard them from any causes, whatsoever, which would work out the degradation of the people they represent? – then, to my mind, if that is so, the permanent solution of the difficulty is not far to seek.

A fair wage, and reasonable comfort in life, is the best way to raise any people to a higher standard of life, both mentally, morally and physically; and, the dangers of the Asiatic invasion lie, not so much in their numbers, as, in their ability to lower the wage, thereby reducing the comforts of life to a minimum, or, rather, wiping them out altogether, and degrading the people of this Country as a whole, into a condition that we find only amongst the slum dwellers of the great cities today.

Now it should not be hard for any Government, having the genuine interests of the people at heart, to make a law, compelling all the employers of labour who employ Asiatics, to pay these people what would constitute a living wage to the whites, – say, for instance, that the B. C. Government stipulated that all employers of Asiatics should pay them $3 per day of 10 hours, fully that, – and fine them twice that amount for every day worked at a lower rate.

Under these conditions, I do not think that the white labourer would find it hard to compete with the yellow; and, I am sure that a measure of this kind would not bring about any International complications, and would as effectually stop Asiatic invasion as any Natal Act, or, any ton of Natal Acts that the B. C. Government could bring up.

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TO CONSUMPTIVES.

The undersigned having been restored to health by simple means, after suffering for several years with a severe lung affection, and that dread—disease CONSUMPTION, is anxious to make known to his fellow sufferers the means of cure. To those who desire it, he will cheerfully send (free of charge) a copy of the prescription used, which they will find a cure for CONSUMPTION, ASTHMA, CATARRH, BRONCHITIS and all throat and lung MALADIES. He hopes all sufferers will try his remedy, as it is invaluable. Those desiring the prescription, which will cost them nothing, and may prove a blessing, will please address

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And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this third day of November A.D.1907

M. J. O'Connor

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Certificates of Improvement.

Macking Bird Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Atlin Mining Division, Cassiar District. Where located: —In Rainy Hollow.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Joseph H. Chisel of Haines Alaska.

Free Miner's Certificate No. B11130 intend, 60 days from the date hereof, to apply to, the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grant of the above claims.

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Joseph H. Chisel.

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	max.	min.
15th	10.0	-7
16th	7.0	-11
17th	28.0	-3
18th	34.5	18.0
19th	35.0	15.0
20th	37.0	33.0
21st	38.0	33.0

That the cry of scarcity of labour was only an excuse to get the wage standard lowered, has been amply demonstrated by the amount of white labour which has been going a-begging, looking in vain for work and finding none; while the cheaper Jap, or Chink finds plenty of work to his hand.

The other thing, which I thought of, is — Are governments elected by the people to look only after the interests of the class who own the Mines, Railways and Industries of B. C.? If that is so, again I say the best way to look after this class is to exclude the Asiatic by the higher-wage clause.

The exploiters of labour in B. C. should bear in mind, that the white labourers are also the consuming class, to whom the manufacturers expect to sell the finished article; the Asiatic, as a rule gets his supply of the necessities of life from whichever country he belongs; therefore, bypassing a higher wage clause the government would save this class of capitalist who would like to flood the country with this cheap labour from committing industrial suicide.

So anyway you look at the matter, there seems only one course to pursue – To make it compulsary for employers to pay any wage, whereby Asiatic labour would be rendered unprofitable to these, otherwise selfish exploiters.

Yours etc.

Charles Gairns.

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Fuel, coal oil.
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Alco Vapor Launch, Tagish,
Length over all, 28 feet.
Beam, 5 feet 6 inches.
Draft, 3 feet.
Decked fore and aft leaving cockpit 16 feet. Seating room for 8 persons.
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Sheeting, cedar.
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