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OPERATIC SOCIETY

Produces a Very Creditable Performance.

The initial efforts of the Society fully appreciated by a bumper house.

The promises held out for the operatic entertainment, which was given last night before a bumper house, were fully carried out. A large number of Discovery friends came down to witness the performance. The full house, frequent and generous applause should be a stimulant for the Operatic Society to greater deeds.

The evening's programme consisted of the following:

1. Choral Selection, by the Society, "Come Where The Lillies Bloom." 2. Comedietta (by John Madison Morton), "Taken From The French," with the following Dramatis Personae: Sir Felix Fritterly, Mr. H. E. Symmons; Arthur Vallance, Mr. E. M. N. Woods; Colonel Cozey, Mr. W. P. Grant; Lady Fritterly, Mrs. Costigan; Myrtle Vane, Mrs. Rant. 3. Cantata (by Gilbert & Sullivan), "Trial by Jury," with a Dramatis Personae consisting of: Judge, Mr. H. E. Symmons; Plaintiff, Mrs. Costigan; Counsel for Plaintiff, Mr. F. L. Stephenson; Defendant, Mr. J. D. Lumsden; Foreman of the Jury, Mr. W. H. T. Olive; Usher, Mr. W. P. Grant; Bridesmaids, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Rant, Mrs. Blackett, Miss Miller; Jurymen, Mr. W. S. Taylor, Mr. Herbert Young, Mr. J. Williams; Medical Director, Mrs. E. M. N. Woods; Pianist, Mr. F. G. Ashton; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. Young.

The performances were very well carried out and the manner in which each carried out his or her part makes one think that Atlin is by no means devoid of talent, but that it only requires the aid of such a society as that of the Atlin Operatic Society to bring it to the front. A full report of the evening's entertainment will be given next week.

The Licence Commissioners.

The meeting of the Licence Commissioners called for last Monday evening was indefinitely postponed, pending the receipt from Victoria of the personnel of the appointment of a Board for 1903. Information from headquarters is expected on the first incoming mail. The applications for hotel licences from A. L. Carlarno, the B. C. Hotel, Discovery, and J. Parkinson's Road House at Hales, are awaiting the decision of the new Board.

To Travel in State.

Mrs. Mary E. Hitchcock, writing from New York, under date of the 20th ulto, says:

"I have had so many lecture engagements, that I was obliged to move to New York and have been travelling every day and lecturing every night with such good effect that I have had hundreds of applications from wealthy tourists in my many audiences to make up a party for Skagway and take them into the Atlin and Dawson gold fields next June. One of the railroads has offered me a private car for every party of eighteen."

IN THE INTEREST OF LABOR

To satisfy the minds of many of the voters of the district who are in doubt as to the Liberal candidate's — Mr. Macpherson — views on the Oriental labor question, the following telegrams will make them easy:

R. G. Macpherson, Vancouver.

"Wire briefly your stand on the Oriental Labour question."

J. Kirkland, Pres. Liberal Association.

J. Kirkland, Atlin.

"Am in favor total exclusion of Orientals and if elected will force the question to an issue irrespective of party or consequence."

R. G. Macpherson.

Vancouver, Jan. 19th, 1902.

FROM DAWSON.

Labelle and Fournier Pay the Penalty.

The New Governor of the Yukon, R. P. McLennan Dawson's Mayor.

DAWSON, Jan. 20—Labelle and Fournier were hanged here this morning at 7:45. Both men confessed and stated that they justly deserved the sentence of death passed upon them.

Fred T. Congdon, Crown Prosecutor for the Yukon Territory, will succeed Hon. J. H. Ross, as Governor of the Yukon. The next issue of the Official Gazette will contain notice of the Order in Council.

Mr. Congdon was a prominent supporter of the Laurier Government before he went to the Yukon.

On New Year's night Dawson was visited by a disastrous fire. The fire started in the Goodwin Hotel, on Second avenue, near Queen street. By the time the fire was got under control half a dozen buildings had been reduced to smouldering ruins. A temperature of 45 below greatly impeded the work of the firemen and volunteers. The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

We note among the members of the new Yukon Council for the current year the name of our old and esteemed friend, Rev. John Pringle.

R. P. McLennan, the big Dawson hardware merchant, has been elected Mayor of Dawson.

A Wanderer Returns.

Robert McKee, an Atlin pioneer, returned from a six months' prospecting trip on Tuesday afternoon. His return with his party was earlier than intended owing to an accident to John Morgan, one of the party, who had to be brought in to Atlin for treatment. A tree fell upon Morgan some days ago, severely bruising him. He is progressing favorably at the Atlin Hospital.

McKee and his party have been located near the head-waters of the O'Donnell river, but our representative has been unable to interview Mr. McKee since his return as to what success he and his party have met with. Mr. McKee has been under the weather for the last six weeks and is now enjoying the comforts of civilization.

The first of the season's crop of oranges at E. L. Pillman & Co.'s.

In Union There is Strength.

An Important Mining Organization is Formed in Victoria. The Province Fully Represented.

Special Despatch to THE CLAIM.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 17th.—The outcome of a strong Atlin contingent of mining men coming to Victoria has been that they have been joined by delegates from Cariboo, Kootenay and other parts of the Province, with the result that the British Columbia Mining Association has been organized and several very enthusiastic meetings have been held. An executive committee of fifteen has been appointed, of whom Messrs. Griffiths, Stables, Fetherstonhaugh and Brownlee are the representatives of Atlin. A. C. Hirschfeld is here and is organizer with R. B. Skinner in Vancouver. Local organizations are now being formed throughout the Province, and these, it is expected, will send delegates to Victoria to be present at the general convention to be held on the 26th inst.

Any of the representatives from Atlin who are now here are available as delegates and your district is at liberty to send further delegates if it so deems advisable, but at Atlin's expense.

The objects of the Association are very broad and comprehensive.

The ablest men in the Province, engaged in the mining industry, claim it to be the strongest organization ever promoted in British Columbia.

Needed legislation and reform in placer, hydraulic, metalliferous and coal mining are the principal objects sought to be obtained.

It is estimated that there will be at least 500 delegates at the forthcoming convention. Atlin should be fully represented as it has already been at preliminary meetings.— H. Mortimer Lamb, Secretary.

[It is unfortunate that this despatch did not reach us in time for last week's issue, so that miners in sympathy with this organization could have been enabled to have endorsed the general principles of the Association, and also of strengthening its usefulness by the appointment of delegates.

We anticipate a life of activity and extreme usefulness for the British Columbia Mining Association, which, in our opinion, was not formed a day too soon. The operations of the Association will be watched with keen interest.]

To Improve the Service.

It is said that in view of the many delays in the service of the Dominion Telegraph Department, owing to breaks in the wire between Ashcroft and Atlin, it is the intention of the Department to endeavor to obviate these frequent interruptions by the use of insulated cables. These cables will be laid on the ground and, it is expected, will remain intact under the most exacting conditions, without any special protection. The work of laying the cable section of the line will probably be commenced as soon as the snow begins to leave the ground. Some forty miles of

this cable is said to be in Vancouver now.

For a stretch of more than 400 miles the Ashcroft-Yukon telegraph line, between Hazelton and Tagish, runs through a wild mountainous country, difficult of access and in winter liable to snow slides, which render the maintenance of the line almost impossible. Frequently poles and wires are buried under twenty feet of snow. At other times gales of wind sweep over the tract, uprooting trees, which fall across the wires and disrupt the line. During the late fall and this winter, breaks were so frequent that some change became necessary.

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THAT "Atlin" has assumed a position of importance among the mining districts of the Province is well borne out by the influence it has had in the organization of the British Columbia Mining Association, notice of the incorporation of which may be seen on the previous page.

The incorporation of such an association at this time, especially as it will be representative of every phase of the mining industry, will be of inestimable value to the Province, and there is no doubt its representations to the Government will be such that that august assembly will cease the slaughter of the geese that lay the golden eggs. Needed reforms will be impressively brought to the attention of the Legislature and the organization will undoubtedly be able to insist that the mining interests of the Province of British Columbia—which, by the way, is one of the best and most reliable assets the Province has—have full recognition at the hands of the Government for its advancement.

In a political campaign there are three requisite essentials which should be carefully considered in recording your vote. These are: the "man," the "political party," and "the welfare of the constituency." In selecting your candidate, or rather, in supporting your candidate, you cannot conscientiously overlook any of these essentials.

The present campaign in Burrard offers no exception to the rule except, perhaps, that a decision in this case is easier arrived at, because there is only one political party represented and two candidates in the field, Macpherson and McInnes—Liberal and Independent. Chris. Foley, a supposed Labor man, received a nomination on Tuesday, but he doesn't count in the present argument—he was brought forward by a few discontented Liberals and is not endorsed by the great Labor party of the district. The choice, then, is easy, and in naming the successful candidate, Mr. R. G. Macpherson, the three requisite essentials are amply forthcoming.

Mr. Macpherson is a man against whom no one can bring the tongue of reproach. He is young, energetic, and, in entering the political arena, he does so to make a name for himself. He is a life-long Liberal, and formed the first Liberal Association on the Mainland. He is a supporter of the present administration—one, by the way, which has given Canada the greatest prosperity she ever had—and he therefore has the ear of the Government on behalf of his constituency.

ATLIN'S STREADWELL.

So the Bonanza Group is Described.

The Mineral Showing on the Ruby Divide has Promise of a Rich Mine.

The quartz claims which were staked by Lucas and associates on the divide between Boulder and Ruby creeks give promise of great things this coming season. Samples which were sent out for treatment by the last boat, last November, have shown that the rock runs up high in values in free gold, much higher, in fact, than the owners looked for. Unless we are misinformed the property, with the expenditure of very little money, can be made one of the greatest producers in the country, if not in the Province. The ore body is immense and the ore can be virtually quarried. There is abundance of water in the immediate vicinity either for milling or power purposes, and a wagon road for the transportation of supplies and machinery will cost very little. Extensive developments will soon be commenced and we look for glowing results.

The following report of the property was made by a well known and thoroughly experienced miner who carefully examined the ground last October:

"The Bonanza group of mineral claims, owned by Messrs. Lucas, Dunham & May, is situated five miles from the mouth of Ruby creek, in the Atlin district, and is composed of three claims, viz.: The 'Little Joe,' 'Bonanza' and the 'Golden King,' all full claims 1500 feet square or over 150 acres.

The ledge, which is free milling gold quartz, crops out about three quarters of a mile west of Ruby creek, on the Little Joe, where it is over a thousand feet wide. It can be distinctly traced throughout the length of the other two claims. There have been four different assays taken of rock from this ledge; the samples taken were taken with the view of getting, as nearly as possible, the average value of the body, and they ranged from \$22 to \$28 in gold.

"The property lies on a large mountain, breaking off to the south side, where there are millions of tons of ore lying exposed to the weather and it all shows free gold. The ledge itself is exposed on the foot wall by a creek, tributary to Ruby.

"Ruby creek, which is about 12 miles long, has a sufficient volume of water and fall to run all necessary machinery. This creek has contributed less gold in proportion to the amount of development work done than any other creek in the district, but it is safe to anticipate that next season will see a great deal of work and a larger yield in proportion. The placer gold of the creek carries considerable quartz, which, without doubt,

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TO THE
**Electors of the Atlin Division,
 of Cassiar District.**

GENTLEMEN:

I beg to announce that I have received the unanimous nomination of the Liberal Party for the forth-coming By-Election for Burrard District.

The Conservative Party, in Convention assembled, has definitely decided not to place a member of their Party in the field in opposition, recognising the fact that the needs of the District as a whole will receive more favourable consideration at the present time by sending a supporter of the Laurier administration to Ottawa.

I therefore respectfully solicit the Conservative, as well as the Liberal support on Election day.

I extremely regret that the shortness of time at my disposal prevents me from visiting all sections of this large District, and as Atlin appears to be one of the most isolated, I shall have to forego this pleasure as well as duty at this time. I shall, however, if elected, do myself the honour of visiting all parts of the constituency after the close of the next Session of Parliament, and Atlin will be one of the first to receive consideration in this respect, when I will have the opportunity of personally ascertaining the needs and requirements of your important District, and with this end in view I will use my best efforts towards securing the necessary legislation at the earliest possible date.

As I have already stated, Burrard is a very large and scattered District and requires close personal inspection I hereby pledge myself to give as faithful service to the outlying sections as to the larger centers of population, and I will also see that each section gets the protection and patronage to which it is locally entitled, especially in all that affects its labor interests.

With the pledge of my best efforts in your interests, I have no hesitation in asking the hearty co-operative support of the Liberals, Conservatives and the Labor Party on Election day.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. MACPHERSON.

VANCOUVER, B. C., January 2nd, 1902.

with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to construct, own, acquire, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the route of said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation, or persons, grants of land, rights of way, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1902.
 Cornwall & Rogers,
 de-27-02 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway of standard gauge from Dawson, in the Northwest Territories, by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near the northern boundary of the Province of British Columbia to connect with the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway; with authority also to construct, operate and maintain branches from any point on the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to construct and acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith and to construct, own, acquire, equip and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to construct, own, equip and maintain steam and other boats and vessels and operate the same on any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of the said railway and its branches or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to collect tolls therefor, and to acquire and receive from any Government, Corporation or persons, grants of land, rights of way, money bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, and to connect with and to enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights and powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

Dated this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1902.
 McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard,
 de-27-02 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described parcel or tract of land for agricultural purposes: Commencing at a post planted on the east shore of Atlino River; thence 20 chains in a northerly direction along the shore of Taku Arm; thence 20 chains in an easterly direction; thence 20 chains in a southerly direction; thence 20 chains in a westerly direction, to the point of commencement, containing 43 acres more or less.

T. Hincheliffe,
 Taku City, B. C., December 18th, 1902.
 de-27-02

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session, by the Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Company for an Act to Amend its Act of Incorporation, being 64 Victoria, Chapter 50, of the Statutes of the said Province, as amended by the "Pacific Northern and Omineca Railway Act, 1902," being 2 Edward VII, Chapter 71, by extending the time for the commencement of the construction of the Company's line of railway and for the expenditure of 10 per cent of the capital, and for the completion of the said railway as limited by Sub-section five (5) of Section 44 of the British Columbia Railway Act, and by increasing the capital of the said Company.

Dated the 29th day of November, 1902.
 Cornwall & Rogers,
 de-27-02 Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next sittings, for leave to incorporate a Company to be called "The Coast Yukon Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a railway from a point on or near Kitimat Inlet, Douglas Channel, British Columbia; thence to Atlin Lake; thence to the Yukon River; thence to the International Boundary line between Alaska and Yukon Territory, via the City of Dawson. With power to construct and own boats and wharves, telegraph and telephone lines; to generate electrical power, and to collect toll and all powers incidental to a railway.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 12th day of November, A. D., 1902.
 D. G. MACDONELL,
 de-27-02 Solicitor for Applicants.

was washed from the ledges on these claims.

I consider this property to be one of the largest and most promising propositions in the district. It is easy of access and the heavy gizzes of machinery could be landed on the property with little difficulty. Furthermore, it is one of easiest worked propositions in the district, the ore can almost be quarried, owing to the immensity of the ledge, and the cheapness in getting it to the mill is another important feature. Nature has shown a sufficiently large body of ore in sight to justify the early installation of a stamp mill, as there is little doubt the ledge is a true one.

For a good square meal go to the Pioneer Bakery and Restaurant.

Exercise Your Franchise.

A word to the Electors:— Although the last census gives this district a population of nearly 3500, the list of voters comprises only 371 names, and of this number fully 120 are out of the country. It therefore becomes an almost im-

perative duty for every man in the district to exercise his right at the polls on Wednesday, 4th February. Every voter has a stake in the country, and to exercise his franchise is a duty he owes to himself, his fellow man and to this great country, to say nothing about the district itself. According to the number of votes polled here the influence and standing of the district is judged. Let it therefore be with the object "for the good of the Atlin District" that every man comes to the poll on Election day.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard gauge, from a point at or near Hazelton by the most feasible and practicable route to a point on the northern boundary of British Columbia, at or near Teslin Lake or Atlin Lake, or both; also from Hazelton, by the most feasible and practicable route, via the Skeena, Babine, Driftwood, Omlucca and Finlay Rivers to Peace River Pass, or Pine River Pass or both, thence easterly to the Eastern boundary of the said Province, with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point on the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case one hundred miles in length; and

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