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MINING ASSOCIATION.

All Interested in Mining Can Become Members.

The Legislation Sought For is to Be For The Individual as Well as for the Capitalist.

According to the Coast papers, the proposition in connection with the formation of the new B. C. Mining Association, is that it shall include in its membership not only the capitalist and mine owner, but the individual miner and prospector, the representatives of transportation companies, the packer of supplies to outlying camps, the store-keepers, merchants, lawyers, and, in fact, everybody who had an interest in the development of the mining industry. It was proposed that the organization be on lines similar to those on which the California Mining Association was so successfully established some years ago. Mr. Hobson, of Cariboo, stated that that Association had reached such a position of importance that it was now consulted on all matters of mining legislation and that through its efforts the industry had been placed on a permanent, legitimate and profitable basis, and that labor troubles were unknown in California mining camps.

Mr. Ruffner, one of the Atlin representatives, wished it to be understood that the object for which the meeting had been convened was not to secure legislation for the benefit of capital or wealthy companies, but to have such changes made in the law as would promote the welfare of every miner, poor and rich alike.

It was proposed that nothing should be done hastily. The business was too important to be dealt with by a handful of men, as it was expedient that every division of the Province should be represented. The Chairman, Mr. Hobson, proposed waiting for several months, if necessary, to perfect the scheme, so that when a Provincial convention was called, it would be one in which no portion of the country would be unrepresented.

Not In Favor of Orientals.

Later advice relative to the Atlin Mine Operators' Association emphatically denies the rumour that had even reached here that an attempt would be made to introduce Mongolian labour into Atlin. The subject is said to have been discussed by the members, but decided against.

Come to the Polls and vote—MACPHERSON. No Oriental Labor. A WHITE MAN for a White man's camp.

A BOOMERANG?

The telegram, quoted in our editorial column, signed by J. H. Watson, does not seem to have been to the liking of the local Foleyites, so they hunted up Mr. Watson's record by applying to one, "Bird," in Vancouver. He must have been indeed, A-J-Bird, when he replied that Mr. Watson was a "Fakir."

Never having heard of this particular jaybird in connection with Labor, enquiries were made to Vancouver, with the following result:

"A. J. Bird, lawyer; eight months here. J. H. Watson has been the Official Organizer for the Trades & Labor Council for six years; also, American Federation; also, Dominion Trades Congress; Vice-President for B. C. for Dominion Trades Congress. For further recommendation wire Ralph Smith, M. P."

R. G. Macpherson

They Made a Hit.

The Atlin Operatic Society, from its initial performance, last Friday evening, has justly earned the title it has taken for itself, and has so ingratiated itself into the minds of the public, that whenever another entertainment is announced, the Society may look for an even more generous response than that which greeted its first appearance on the stage.

The opening chorus, "Come Where the Lillies Bloom," by the Society, was so well rendered that there was little doubt left in the minds of the audience that the vocal abilities of the members left nothing wanting in that respect.

The amusing Comedietta, "Taken from the French," set the audience in good humour by the many ludicrous incidents in the piece. Mr. Woods, as Arthur Vallance, played the part of the "inexperienced" lover, and the manner in which he endeavored to prove his "desperation," by proposing to elope with the wife of his host, was splendidly acted. As the life of the play, he has shown his ability to entertain in the role of an actor. Mr. Symmons, as Sir Felix Fritterly, was not quite as natural as he might have been, though he fully showed his capabilities, and with very little more practice he could make a name for himself as an amateur. Mr. Grant, as Uncle Coscy, a cranky old Colonel, had the most difficult part to play, but he succeeded tolerably well, especially so with the help of the "nerve medicine" provided for his sustenance. As to the ladies, Mrs. Costigan, as Lady Fritterly, and Mrs. Rant, as her sister, Myrtle Vane, they ably carried out their parts, though, perhaps, a trifle stiff at times. Taking the play with the parts as a whole, it was well represented, and thoroughly enjoyed.

The "Trial by Jury,"—the personnel of which was given last week—was rendered in such a way that to say it was a treat would be putting it mild. The play is a caricature of a breach of promise case before a British jury, and the music, by Gilbert and Sullivan, is very pretty. The opening chorus, by the jury men, gave the key to the audience of the perfect manner in

which the Operatic Society was to present the play. The solos, of which there were many, were, without exception, exceedingly well sung, and the choruses were most artistically rendered. The acting throughout would have done credit to a company of players who had been on the "boards" for years. In Mr. Grant's address to the jury, we note the embryo of a really pleasing bass voice, and for his first appearance on the operatic stage he distinguished himself throughout. The "Bridesmaids' quartette and chorus was fittingly given and called forth generous applause. The Defendant's solo was sung with that ease and clearness with which Mr. Lumsden has ever proved himself so capable. He was perfectly at home in his part throughout the whole performance, and worthily deserves the title of "the Star." His previous experience on the amateur stage was doubtless of much yeoman service to the Society in bringing the present performance to the appreciable condition to which it was brought. The Judge, Mr. Symmons, made quite a hit with his solo, "How I Became a Judge," while his voice and manner ably suited the character he represented. Mrs. Costigan, as the Plaintiff, captured the hearts of her audience by her winning ways and her sweet voice and acted the part of a broken-hearted fiancée to a charm. Mrs. Costigan's presence on an Atlin stage will always be welcomed. Her Attorney, Mr. Stevenson, won the case for her, and kept up the reputation he gained for himself in amateur performances.

The whole performance went off with a vim and the audience showed its hearty appreciation by rapt attention and generous applause. The principal actors have come in for more lengthy comment than we intended but the bridesmaids and jurymen, who supported the choruses, are no less deserving of the most favorable criticism.

The most arduous tasks devolved upon Mrs. E. M. N. Woods, Musical Director, and Mr. F. G. Ashton, Pianist, and too much cannot be said of the admirable manner in which each conducted their part.

CHURCH MEETING.

St. Andrews Church Has a Prosperous Year.

The Annual Congregational Meeting Held on Monday of This Week.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Atlin, was held in the church on Monday evening last. There was a full attendance of members and their friends.

Rev. Mr. Turkington occupied the chair and Mr. A. S. Cross, Secretary of the Board of Managers, acted as secretary of the meeting.

After the opening in customary form, Mr. Cross read the Minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted. The Financial Statement of the Board was read by the Secretary-Treasurer and shows the finances of the church to be in a very satisfactory condition. The following is a summary of the balance sheet:

By Cash from all sources	\$1214 65
To Running expenses	\$572 30
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Hospital	68 00
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Balance on hand	51 23

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The financial statement of the Sunday School shows a like prosperous condition, the receipts from which were \$187 50 and the disbursements being \$154 40, giving a balance of \$33 10 to the credit of this year's account. The average attendance at the Sunday School for the year was about 27, a record to which very few country Sunday schools attain.

The following gentlemen were elected as a Board of Management for the ensuing year: Messrs. Williams, Lumsden, Fraser, Ward, McDonald, Myers and A. S. Cross, Secy. Treasurer.

Interesting and instructive speeches were made by several of the members, and songs and recitations varied the evening's entertainment. Mr. J. A. Fraser in the course of his remarks, suggested the advisability of forming a Ladies' Aid, and it is expected that such a valuable adjunct will be a feature of the Church's work this year.

The ladies of the congregation had prepared an excellent repast, which was fully appreciated. The meeting was one of the most enjoyable and entertaining in the history of St. Andrews Church.

Mr. Turkington omitted to hand us a report of the Congregational Meeting, held in Discovery on the 22nd inst, and we regret being unable to give an account of what, we understand, was a most successful and enjoyable gathering.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 1903.

ORIENTAL LABOR is the one and only legitimate question at issue among the local Foley whips, but it will require some extraordinary reasoning to induce men to believe that Foley could accomplish any relief on that important point within the eighteen months of the unexpired term.

The three candidates are equally pronounced on Oriental immigration. Such being so, is it not natural to assume that the members on the Government side could accomplish more in a day than any other could do in a month, more especially so in view of the following positive statement:

R. G. Macpherson, Vancouver, "Wire briefly your stand on the Oriental Labour question."

J. Kirkland, Pres. Lib. Assn.

J. Kirkland, Atlin. Am. in favor total exclusion of Orientals and if elected will force the question to an issue in respect of party or consequence.

R. G. Macpherson, Vancouver, Jan. 19th, 1902.

The fact that the Conservatives did not deem it advisable to enter a candidate at this time, realizing that in a bye-election they had everything to lose and nothing to gain, was a direct acknowledgment that the interests of Burrard would be best safeguarded by assisting in the return of Mr. Macpherson. If Mr. Macpherson does not carry out the pledges he has made to the constituency in the two Parliamentary sessions before him, the electors have ample time to find a man who will ere the next general election.

The statement made by the local Foleyites that their nominee is endorsed by the Labor Unions of the constituency is far from being true, as the following response to a telegram on the question will amply prove:

Vancouver, Jan. 27, 1903.

To JOHN KIRKLAND, Atlin.
 Eighteen Unions for Foley; 28 against.
 J. H. Watson,
 Organizer, Trades Council.

This is prima facie evidence that Foley is not a representative of Labor, hence, why should the electors of Atlin throw away their votes upon a man who is not entitled or deserving of the suffrage of the Labor advocates of the district.

It is said that the devil can quote Scripture to suit his ends. It would seem that some of our would-be Labor agitators desire to imitate his Satanic majesty and would maliciously misinterpret our best endeavors for the advancement of the camp. Reasonable and sensible men, however, will not be led or influenced by these underhanded tactics.

MINE OPERATORS

Atlin Mine Managers Meet in Victoria.

They Formulate Plans For the Reduction of Working and Other Expenses.

The recent Vancouver daily papers convey the following information relative to an Atlin organization which will be news to many of our readers:

The Atlin Mine Operators' Association will hold an important meeting in Victoria on the 31st inst.

The Atlin contingent left there on the 3rd inst., the following making the trip: R. D. Featherstonhaugh, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association; J. M. Ruffner, who represents quartz interests; and J. F. Deeks, representing the Eastern leases on Pine creek.

H. W. E. Canavan, who is now in Victoria, will represent the interests of the British-American Dredging Company, operating on lower Pine creek.

The Atlin contingent will be joined in Victoria by L. H. Griffith and Supt. Lovridge, representing the Pine Creek Power Co.; J. H. Brownlee, Manager of the Otter Creek Hydraulic Co., who is Chairman of the Association; R. B. Skinner and Frank Brackett, the Atlin-Willow Co.; the Consolidated Spruce Creek Placers, it is expected, will be represented.

The principal object of the Association is for mutual protection against all kinds of excessive charges for the reduction of mine tax, rates of transportation, and profits to retailers. The operations of the past year have, so the operators state, proved that it will pay to mine the ground controlled by these companies, and all will pay dividends in future, provided the cost of mining can be reduced 20 per cent. This is considered an under-estimate of the proposed savings, so that the meeting will be of great importance to Atlin mining.

It might be casually mentioned that the Atlin Mine Operators' Association was formed in Atlin last summer, when officers were appointed and the objects of the Association agreed upon, and the next meeting set down for January 8th, at the Briard Hotel, Victoria.

The figures quoted from the official returns of the Canadian Government relative to the output of the Canadian Yukon, show a grand total of \$79,010,946 since the first rush in 1897. The annual output is thus recorded:

1897	\$2,500,000
1898	10,000,000
1899	16,000,000
1900	21,275,000
1901	16,337,882
1902	16,935,264

Total \$79,010,946
 An estimate of the previous twelve years, or since 1885, gives a total of \$1,518,000 as the output.

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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 favorable 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 happens 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 routes 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,
No-27-5t 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 & Ontario Railway, with authority also to construct, operate and maintain branches from any points 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,
No-27-5t 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 Atlin 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 49 acres more or less.

T. Hinchcliffe,
Taku City, B. C., December 18th, 1902.
No-27-5t

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 Ontario Railway Company for an Act to amend its Act of Incorporation, being 61 Victoria, Chapter 50, of the Statutes of the said Province, as amended by the Pacific Northern and Ontario Railway Act, 1902, being 2 Edward VII, Chapter 77, 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 Section 5 of Section 4 of the British Columbia Railway Act, and by increasing the capital of the said Company.

Dated this 25th day of November, 1902.
Cornwall & Rogers,
Solicitors for the Applicants
No-27-5t

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next sitting, for leave to incorporate a Company to be called "The Const. 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 tolls and all powers incidental to a railway.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 12th day of November, A. D. 1902.
D. G. MACDONELL,
No-29-5t Solicitor for Applicants.

Alas! Alas!
We did not think that among our readers we had some so astute as to endeavor to make capital out of a paragraph which appeared in our last issue, under the heading of "Alas! Alas!" Under the heading in two statements, attributed to Premier Prior were quoted. The statements in effect are diametrically opposite, and our comment, it seems, is read as applicable to both—"A truly progressive government? British Columbia—Vancouver and Victoria! Where do we come in?" Our opinion on the Oriental labor question is too well known to require any special comment on the paragraph referred to. No stronger anti-Mongolian statements were ever made than has appeared in THE CLAIM.

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 374 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, Omluca 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 points on the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case thirty miles in length; and

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