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## On Straight Party Lines.

Exit Premier Prior, Enter Premier McBride—A Straight Party Issue on Election.

The New Leader of the Government Announces His Cabinet A Formidable Array of Names — One Portfolio Yet to Be Filled — Parliament Prorogued — Elections to Take Place Next Fall.

From the dispatches on the political situation, reported in our issue last, it was safe to predict some startling developments when the House should meet again on Monday afternoon. In this our subscribers will be in no way disappointed, when they read the following dispatch:

### Prior Dismissed.

VICTORIA, June 5th.—At the adjourned sitting of the House on Monday Premier Prior was dismissed by the Lieut.-Governor, who announced that he could no longer retain him as adviser after the disclosure regarding his firm securing the contract for the cable from the Government when he was Premier.

### "Hon." Richard McBride.

Following the constitutional practice, the Lieutenant-Governor called upon Richard McBride, Leader of the Opposition, to form a Government.

McBride carried a motion to adjourn by a vote of 18 to 14.

### Declares Party Lines.

At a caucus called by Hon. R. McBride on Tuesday, he bade good-by to his Liberal colleagues and declared for party lines. There were heart-burnings but no open revolt.

McBride claims 22 Conservatives in the House of 38 members.

The Premier goes to the country as acknowledged leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, with the concurrence of Mr. Charles Wilson, the late leader.

### The Invincible Joe.

On Wednesday the Liberals called a meeting of the Executive to decide upon a date for the holding of a convention to oust Joe Martin from the leadership of the party. Mr. Martin presented himself at that meeting and electrified the Executive by handing in his written resignation. The convention was called off.

The tone of the press throughout the Coast indicates that the belief is everywhere prevalent that by his act Joe Martin has healed the split in the Liberal party and, further,

that he will be given the leadership after the election again.

The House prorogued on Thursday, without any special event to mark the revolution in British Columbia politics.

### A General Election.

A General Election will be held as soon as the law allows, probably about September next, with the Conservative party at the helm of the first "party ship" of the Province.

### A Conservative Cabinet.

After the prorogation of the House, the Premier announced his Cabinet, so far as presently selected, to consist of the following well known men:

Minister of Mines: Robert Green;  
Minister of Finance: Robert G. Tatlow;  
Attorney-General: A. E. McPhillips;  
President of the Council: Charles Wilson;  
Provincial Secretary: —Left open.  
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works: Richard McBride.

### 'Fraid of Floods.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 5.—The Fraser river is rising very rapidly and serious flooding of the low lands is feared unless the weather becomes cooler.

### The Mail.

Carriers Thomas and Coult, who left here on the 26th ulto to try and get through the outgoing mail of April 20th, at the hour of going to press had not reached Caribou. Carrier Perkinson left on Tuesday morning for Caribou, via the Tagish trail, and arrived at the Tagish Post at Midnight on Thursday. His mail will reach Skagway in time for the sailing of the Princess May, sailing tonight.

If the opening of navigation is much longer delayed there will be shortage in many of the staple supplies. A meat famine is already on.

## AROUND CAMP.

A Record of the Week's Events.

The March of Progress Unimpeded by Internal or External Circumstances.

From latest accounts, claim owners and lay-men on McKee are not only making good time but good money. Several parties are working on lays for the Atlin Mining Co., with excellent results. Aitken and Ronayne, on about No. 9 above, in the course of an afternoon last week picked up in nuggets close upon 6 ounces, while Geneca and Ronayne, on their own ground, near the mouth of Eldorado, picked up almost a similar amount during a day's work, besides, of course, what they shovelled into the sluice boxes.

As was to be expected, from the result of last winter's prospecting, the Atlin Mining Co. has run into some excellent new ground under the bench, but like all other good things, it is not to be wrested without hard work. After several feet of the surface overburden had been piped off, the result of the glacial age, in the shape of an 18-foot mass of frozen ground, was encountered, and it will take one or two sticks of powder to get through this.

A second pit was opened up this week, and excellent work is being accomplished.

The fact that the strike emissaries and agitators were unable to bring out the miners on this property in sympathy with the strikers is a strong tribute to the manner in which Mr. R. D. Fetherstonhaugh handles his employees.

Tenders have been called for for the hauling of 110,000 feet of lumber to McKee creek, part to the McKee Consolidated Co.'s ground and part to the ground sold by Mr. Christopher. The former company is making great preparations for the season's work, and has a number of men on its pay-roll.

The statement has been made to us by one of the well known miners of Spruce creek, that the winter's work on that creek has turned out all of three times as much gold in proportion to the number of men working on it as it has ever done for the similar season. We are also told that this summer, from the activity on the creek, will be a reminder of the early days of the camp.

From a telegraphic dispatch, we learn that Mr. Johnson is no longer manager of the Columbia Hydraulic Co., and that Hugh DeWitt has been asked to proceed immediately to the property and get

it in shape for this season's operations, pending his brother, Lawrence DeWitt's, arrival. Acting under instructions, Mr. DeWitt is now on the ground with a gang of men pushing matters to make up for lost time.

Work is now fairly under way on the Blue Canyon section of Spruce, although, from its altitude, it is a few weeks behind other sections of the district. At the present date the following are getting things in readiness to begin active mining operations: Bee, Oscar and two others; McCall Bros., with four men; Marshall, McNairn, Brown Bros. and Jackson & Letherdale. These last are making preparations to instal a friction hoist, similar to those used so successfully on other parts of Spruce creek. There is little doubt but that the Blue Canyon section will fully keep up the record it made for itself during the past two seasons.

Norman McLeod has been appointed manager for the Ruby Creek Partnership, in place of Mr. A. N. Brown, who has sold out his interest. Mr. McLeod will superintend the prospect work about to be commenced by the company. Ample funds have been subscribed by the members of the partnership to give the ground a thorough test. We trust the venture, which involves local money only, will prove a paying investment.

The ditch, being built by J. F. Deeks, portion of which is to be used by the individual miners of Gold Run for sluicing purposes, was completed as far as Gold Run this week and the water turned on. Sluicing will be generally commenced next week. There are some of the largest and most valuable dumps of the district on Gold Run, and a large amount of money will soon be put in circulation. Mr. Deeks will put a gang of men to work on his Pine creek leases next week.

Surveyors have completed a survey of the claims held by individual miners on Gold Run within the confines of the Mitchell leases, recently sold to the British-American Dredging Co.

Contracts have been let for the hauling of the Company's dredging and electric power plants from the Atlin wharf to the company's property and to the Half-Way House, respectively. There will be in the neighborhood of 400 tons.

The Officers of the Dominion Day celebration are: President, Donald Ross; 1st Vice-President, D. G. Stewart; 2nd Vice-President, Fritz Miller; Secy.-Treasurer, H. E. Brown. The progress so far made points to a most successful day on Wednesday, July 1st.

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### EDITOR'S NOTICE.

Owing to the failure of our "Special Service" paper to arrive before the trails broke up, we are compelled to crave the indulgence of our subscribers for the issuance of THE CLAIM in its present form. The full issue will be resumed as soon as navigation opens.

The attention of the owners of quartz properties is particularly called to the article under the heading of "Permanent Exhibit." The request of the Dominion Department of Agriculture should be generously responded to as an undoubted service will thereby be done to the district as well as to the country at large. It is always a wise policy to take advantage of good advertising mediums, more especially when they are free.

The latest intelligence of the political situation is not by any means what we anticipated. We had reason to believe that the Prior Government would have been able to hold together long enough to have passed the Estimates and then have gone to the country, but the unexpected happened and McBride, the Leader of the Opposition, was called upon to form a Cabinet.

With the disaffection that exists in the Opposition ranks, we fail to see how the new Premier can perform the herculean task imposed upon him. A resume of the last ten years of the status and politics—if such it could be called—of British Columbia legislative affairs do not convey to us a highly edifying record. Unfortunately, in spite of the advancement of the Province in other ways, the political aspect has been most woefully retrograde. Is it to be wondered that the people will welcome a change? Anything is preferable to the recent chaotic condition, and it will be up to the Provincial electorate to say on what basis future elections will be run.

It took us a long time to see that straight party politics seems to be the only solution out of the difficulty, but it is doubtful if the majority see it that way yet. If run on party lines, it is almost safe to predict that in the impending General Election, Independents will be in the majority. However, we will heartily endorse party lines for future Provincial Legislatures, no matter whether Lib.-Conservatism or Liberalism should be in the majority. A very few years should educate the masses, when they have the history of the last ten as an example of the "local issue" politicians.

## PERMANENT EXHIBIT

### Of Mineral Samples Wanted from Atlin.

The Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Desirous of Making a Collection.

A matter of public interest has, during the lull in local news, come under our notice, which, from its ultimate importance, should be generally taken advantage of by all those who have the advancement of district at heart.

The formation of a permanent mining exhibit, under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, is a means of advertising the mineral wealth and resources of Canada which should be heartily assisted by everyone directly or indirectly interested in the industry. The following letters speak for themselves:

Victoria, B. C., March 16th, 1903.

Dear Sir:—The Exhibition Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, is making a new set of exhibits, which will be shown at the World's Fair, St. Louis, U.S.A., next year, and at other Exhibitions abroad in which the Dominion Government take part.

If you would care to exhibit samples of the ores of your section of British Columbia, you can forward them to our office at Ottawa, where the exhibits from all parts of Canada will be first brought together, previous to their being sent to St. Louis.

As the funds on hand for this work are limited, the Department cannot pay for the samples or for collecting them, but will pay for transportation to Ottawa, and for all further expenses connected with their display at St. Louis and subsequent Exhibitions, provided that the Exhibits are given to our Department for its sole use in advertising Canada abroad.

Small specimens or samples, which do not weigh more than four pounds, can be mailed free to Ottawa, and I have forwarded the Secretary of your branch of the Provincial Mining Association some tags in the event of yourself or others in your section caring to forward some in this manner. Others can be packed up in boxes and sent by C.P.R. freight. All packages should be addressed to the "Secretary, Exhibition Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa." In case you forward any in boxes, kindly notify him. Letters to the above address can be mailed free.

If forwarding samples, kindly furnish with them the following particulars regarding each specimen: Name of claim, owners, locality, approximate assay values, and any further information, general or statistical, you can give.

I hope to be able to visit your section later on, but may not be able to do so, and, consequently, may not have the pleasure of meeting you, as the extent of territory I

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have to cover is very large and the time at my disposal limited.

I am, sir, etc.,  
ANGUS K. STUART,  
Collector of Exhibits for the St. Louis Exhibition.

At a meeting of the Executive of the Provincial Mining Association held some weeks ago, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That this Association lend its aid in collecting the mineral exhibits to be sent to Ottawa, and that requests be sent to the Secretary of each Local Organization to carry out the idea of the Dominion Government, which is heartily supported by the Executive."

The Executive would therefore urge you to use every endeavor to make the exhibits sent from your section of the Province as comprehensive as possible.

The above information has been sent broadcast throughout the Province by Mr. A. J. Belyea, Secretary of the Provincial Mining Association, and, as previously stated, it behoves everyone interested in future of this important district to aid in making a creditable exhibit from Atlin.

**Crown Granting of Placer Claims.**

A correspondent furnishes us his views on the question of the Crown granting of placer ground, which, from an impartial point of view, are very reasonable:

"By a strange perverseness, there is an inclination in certain quarters to condemn the action of the Provincial Mining Association for passing resolutions in favor of the issuance of Crown grants for placer claims. This may be traced to a curious misapprehension with regard to the effect of such legislation, if adopted by the Government.

It is not sufficiently recognized that absolute perfection of title to mining property greatly enhances its value. It protects the genuine miner from troublesome jumpers and costly litigation, and it enables him to raise capital, when necessary, for the fuller development of his claim.

The opinion, so often expressed, that Crown grants will tie up the country and freeze out the individual miner is really illogical, for under the present constitution of the Province, there is no possibility of greedy capitalists being permitted to infringe upon the rights of other people or to devour more land than they can digest, as in former years. Vide, C. & W. grants, which may be accepted as a healthy sign of the times.

What we really require is security of title to our placer claims. The reason the interests of the hydraulic leaseholders clash with

those of the placer claim holders is because the Mining Act fails to provide intelligible laws by which their respective interests are at the same time fully and equally well protected.

If the Provincial Mining Association can only succeed in inducing the Government to thoroughly investigate the different grievances existing in the various branches of the mining industry, and honestly endeavor to provide laws by which the industry can be fully developed and secure title given to all mining property, then Atlin will see an era of great prosperity shedding its golden harvest throughout the land."

W. H.

**The Humor of Strikes.**

Now that Atlin has had its strike, and the revolutionary trumpet has been laid on the shelf, the following extract, from the "Engineering & Mining Journal," will be read with amusement. The article is headed, "The Humor of Strikes."

"The happenings of a single week illustrate the amazing folly of certain features in the unrest of the present time.

"Contractors at New Orleans refuse to build a church which has been designed by a Northern architect.

"Trolley men at Seattle demand that promotion shall be by seniority alone.

"The United Brotherhood of Carpenters in New York calls for a strike to crush its rival, the Amalgamated Carpenters' Society. The principal agent of the former states that the latter is a foreign institution with only 2700 members in this country, while the Brotherhood is an American institution with a membership of 145,000. Therefore, he adds, "There is only room for one carpenters' union, and that is ours. The fight will be carried outside of New York and we will either wipe out the Amalgamated Society or swallow it up."

"The railway men of Holland have struck against the State, that is the Dutch people. The economies made on the railroads are for the public; the strike involves no question of oppression, and the trainmen are fighting against circumstances brought about under a condition of society, which—as far as regards the railroads of Holland—is Socialism.

"Next, the schoolboys exhibit the force of example. At Hoboken 400 boys strike because their Easter vacation is shortened. A 13-year-old orator is found addressing his comrades from the eminence of a flour barrel. Five thousand other boys threaten a sympathetic strike.

"At Madison the boys went on strike because they were not granted half-day sessions at once. The 150 boys were joined later by 50 girls.

"These are facts. They indicate

the spirit of the times. They may be regarded as grotesque in their absurdity, but unfortunately the bathos of it all goes unheeded.

"Our statesmen are too busy looking after their political feaces; the presidential election looming in the near distance checks the timid leaders from the attempt to correct evils, lest they encounter the censure of the many-headed one who votes, and by that ability to vote exercises a power for which political economy has made no adequate allowance."

**NOTICE.**

NOTICE is hereby given that after 30 days from date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a 21 year lease of the following described land, situated at the head of Boulder creek, in the Atlin District, commencing at a post marked, "C. D. Newton's S. W. corner," thence 20 chains in a north-easterly direction, thence 20 chains in a north-westerly direction, thence 20 chains in a south-westerly direction, thence 20 chains in a south-easterly direction to point of commencement, containing 40 acres more or less.

Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 1st day of June, 1903.  
C. D. NEWTON.  
Jed-39d

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 tract of land for agricultural purposes: That parcel or tract of land situated in the Atlin Lake Mining Division, commencing at a post planted at a point on the eastern boundary of Atlin Township, thence north 20 chains, thence East 20 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 20 chains to point of commencement, containing 40 acres, more or less.

CHAS. R. MYERS.  
Dated at Atlin, B. C., this 25th day of May, 1903.  
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NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease 10 acres of land for brick-making purposes, in the Atlin Lake Mining District, situated as follows:

Commencing at a post planted about one half mile east of Atlin townsite and marked "Thomas Kirkland's SW corner post," thence east 12 chains, thence north 10 chains, thence west 12 chains, thence south 10 chains to point of commencement, containing 10 acres more or less. THOMAS KIRKLAND.  
Atlin, B. C., April 28th, 1903.

**NOTICE.**

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease that certain parcel of land situated in the Atlin Lake Mining Division for the purpose of cutting grass and for pasture, described as follows:

Commencing at an initial post planted about 1/2 of a mile N. E. of the Town of Atlin, and running South 40 chains to post No. 2; thence East 40 chains to Post No. 3; thence North 40 chains to post No. 4 and thence 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

ROBERT GEIERSON.  
Atlin, B. C., April 26th, 1903.  
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**Certificate of Improvements.**

The YELLOW JACKET Mineral Claim, situated on Pine Creek, about one mile east of Discovery, in the Atlin Lake Mining Division of Cassiar, B. C.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, Julius M. Ruffner, F.M.C. No. 133259, Agent for the North Columbia Gold Mining Co., F.M.C. No. 134111, intend 60 days from date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

AND FURTHER Take notice that action under Section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Atlin, B. C., this 19th day of May, 1903.  
Julius M. Ruffner, Agent  
my23-60d

**Certificate of Registration of an Extra-Provincial Company.**

COMPANIES ACT, 1897.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day registered "The North Columbia Gold Mining Company" as an Extra-Provincial company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The Head Office of the Company is situated at Huron, in the county of Beadle, State of South Dakota.

The amount of the capital of the company is five hundred thousand dollars, divided into five hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the company in this Province is situated in Atlin B. C., and Julius M. Ruffner, whose address is Atlin, B. C. is the attorney for the company.

The time of the existence of the company is 20 years.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this 15th day of April, one thousand nine hundred and three.

[S.] S. Y. WOOTTON,  
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.  
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