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TELEGRAPHIC.

A Budget of Interesting News From Many Quarters.

(SPECIAL TO THE CLAIM.)

Victoria, Mar. 29.—Premier McBride scored a marked victory in the debate on the "Better Terms" question, by a vote of 22 to 9.

The following resolutions will be forwarded to the secretary of colonies through the Governor-General:

First.—That the legislature of British Columbia endorses the stand taken by Premier McBride. Second.—That the additional allowance of \$100,000 annually for ten years, is deemed inadequate and cannot be accepted. Third.—That the Independent Tribunal is the only competent body to decide the amount of the special allowance.

Montreal, Mar. 29.—Le Canadien publishes a very sensational article and calls for an investigation of the charges of immorality and dishonesty against Borden, Emerson and Hyman.

Los Angeles, Mar. 29.—In a collision between two Santa Fe passenger trains inside the city limits four people were killed and twenty injured.

Vancouver, Mar. 29.—A very disastrous snow-slide occurred at the Britannia mines quite recently, burying eight loggers. When the relief party got to them it was discovered that four had been killed. The other four were more or less injured.

Windsor, Ont., Mar. 29.—Ralph Smith, M. P. for Nanaimo, B. C., addressed The Literary and Scientific Association here on "The Proper Relations Between Labor and Capital."

Boise, Idaho, Mar. 29.—A request for a change of venue in the Stuenenberg trial has been refused and the trial will take place at Boise.

Ottawa, Mar. 29.—A conference between Laurier and Borden will be held this week with the view to arranging legislation so that the Premier may attend the colonial conference. The opposition are very willing to facilitate adjournment as early as possible if certain of the government measures are dropped.

Ottawa, Mar. 29.—W. W. B. McInnes, late Commissioner of the Yukon, has declined to accept the position of deputy minister of mines. He has contracted with the Guggenheimers as their Canadian representative at a salary of \$25,000 per annum.

Washington, Mar. 29.—The capital of Honduras has been captured by the Nicaraguan troops and the war is ended.

New York, Mar. 29.—A commission has been appointed to make an examination of the mental condition of Harry Thaw. The case stands adjourned for ten days to allow of these deliberations.

Calgary, Mar. 29.—The mining convention being held here resulted in a dead-lock. The miners threaten to go on strike May 1st.

Chicago, Mar. 29.—The recent conference between the railway managers and the union representatives has failed to bring about a settlement. A strike on forty-two of the western railways affecting approximately 55,000 men, will likely be called during next week. The C. P. R. will not be affected.

San Francisco, Mar. 29.—The case of Schmidt and Reuf which was called for Tuesday last has been adjourned for one week. It is estimated that Schmidt got away with \$750,000 of the relief funds.

Ottawa, Mar. 29.—The House adjourned Thursday for the Easter holidays, opening April 2nd.

Thanks To All.

The committee who had charge of the St. Patrick's concert desire, in this manner, to thank the many friends who so generously assisted in making the celebration of St. Patrick's day such a notable success.

It records its appreciation of the good work done, not only by the ladies and gentlemen who rendered such an interesting and excellent programme of song and music, but also of those enthusiastic friends on the different creeks who zealously promoted the enterprise by their energetic sale of tickets.

It will always remember the generosity of the Atlin ladies who furnished the dainty refreshments served on the pleasant occasion.

The financial statement is a good one and the committee take a pride and pleasure in announcing the following: Gross receipts \$183.50; expenses \$11.60; leaving the very handsome balance of \$171.90 to be handed over to the St. Andrew's hospital.

Pluck wins; pluck always wins,
Tho' the days go slow
And the nights be dark, twixt the days

As they come and go,
Still pluck wins; its average is sure;
He wins most, who can most endure.
Who faces evil, who never shirks;
Who waits and watches and always works.

The U. S. geological survey has determined that Death Valley, in California, is at its lowest place, 276 feet below sea level. Salton Sink is 287 feet.

Lowney's Fresh Chocolates \$1.00 per lb., at C. R. Bourne's.

Local and General News.

G. S. Cummings has gone to the lower coast on a business trip.

Easter Monday being a holiday the bank will be closed.

Hugh Molyneux left town last Monday to repair the portage road between Atlin lake and Moose arm. He will be back about the end of next week.

George Pollay arrived in Atlin last Saturday evening, coming over the Fantail route. While at Prince Rupert, on his way north, he saw Henry McCartney and Sam McCaw who are going in to Dawson in the spring.

Don't forget the general meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association, at the Pine Tree dining rooms, on Saturday, April 6th, at 8.30. It is desirable to have as large a gathering as possible. Readers of this paragraph will confer a favor by reminding others.

We draw attention to the letter of Mr. Richards of Vancouver, re the "Old Age Pensions in England," and the adaption of the idea to this country. The plan is perfectly feasible and should receive the serious attention and enquiry of every reader.

The winter is not passing away without a struggle. The past week has been most disagreeable, sharp biting winds and a drop in the thermometer to the twenties is not very acceptable March weather. Atlinites will all join in a fervent and devout wish that it be the very last kick of the expiring season.

The News Advertiser of Vancouver says that the local clergymen and laymen intend to wait upon Premier McBride with a view to having the Lord's Day Observance Law rigidly enforced. They tried to induce the Trades and Labor Council to unite with them but did not succeed, as that representative body is very much opposed to the act.

All indications go to show that the fancy dress carnival to be held in Discovery, Saturday night, will be a success. Costumes are being made, and others resurrected from unknown sources, of fearful and wonderful design. It is more than likely a strong contingent of Atlin folks will participate in the enjoyment of the evening.

E. Rosselli, Otto Miller and Jim Clarke arrived in town last week. The all looked considerably weather-beaten after their trip. Mr. Rosselli spent considerable time in the coast cities looking up things generally, and economical lighting and fire protection in particular. Mr. Miller put in the most of his time while outside in Frisco. Jim tried hard, so he says himself, to get married while out, but there was nothing doing in the matrimonial market—at least for him.

Losing No Time.

The Honorable the Provincial Secretary on the platform before the election promised to support and further all just legislation in favor and in support of Labor. One of his first acts was to raise the wages of the employees of the government printing office to conform with the scale of the Typographical Union, and dating it back so as to make it effective from the first of January, 1907.

This matter has been for years a vexed question, but Dr. Young's action has wiped out the discontent and a satisfactory feeling and an air of content now prevails both in the printing office and among union men generally.

The trustees of St. Andrew's hospital desire to gratefully acknowledge receipt from F. W. Dowling, chairman of the St. Patrick's concert and entertainment committee, the sum of one hundred and seventy one dollars and ninety cents, (\$171.90), being the nett proceeds from the concert and dance held in the Grand hall on Monday, 18th. This splendid result, which is in excess of the nett proceeds of last year's entertainment, must be very gratifying to the committee as well as to those who so ably contributed to the entertainment of the large concourse assembled whose plaudits were sufficiently hearty and continuous to surely satisfy the most exacting performer. Altogether the entertainment and dance were an unqualified success and reflect great credit upon the committee who so energetically and successfully perfected all arrangements and details, also upon the contributing artists. The gratification and gratitude of the trustees of the hospital are enhanced by the belief that the members of the community who constituted the large audience whose interest in and sympathy with the above mentioned most worthy institution was evidenced by their presence, received full value for their money.

Curling.

FRASER SMITH TROPHY.
Mar. 15.—Fraser 13; Smith 7.
16.—Wheeling 13; Sinclair 2.
19.—Fraser 12; Fetherston-
haugh 5.
20.—Wheeling 15; Smith 6.
26.—Fraser 10; Wheeling 9.
28.—Fraser 11; Wheeling 10.
By the last win from Wheeling Fraser's team capture the cull links.

HAMILTON-DURIE TROPHY.
This very handsome trophy was won by Gilmore, of Discovery, with a score of 33 points, tying, and an extra end with 3 points.

EGBERT TROPHY.
These trophies were won by Fetherston, Smith, Cumming and Cartmel, in the final at Discovery, Saturday, the 23rd, by of 11.

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Mining Remarks.

The following remarks are submitted with a view to interesting our readers in the development of the mining industry.

The past quarter of a century has introduced vast improvements in mining methods, and likewise in the profits to be derived from mining, and consequently, a new goldfield like that of Atlin, has been born under great advantages, for it has not to undergo the arduous and hard-bought experiences of the older goldfields. But, nevertheless, every goldfield has its peculiarities, and it must be our purpose in the first instance, to obtain accurate knowledge of our mineral deposits, and to determine the most economical method of mining the same.

The business of the prospector is to discover and locate valuable minerals; and to do this effectively it is advisable that he should possess some knowledge of the first principles of geology and mineralogy; and have a good eye for rocks of all kinds. It is easy enough to learn technical terms, and a certain amount of scientific jargon from mining text books; but it is a difficult matter, and requires years of practice in the open field, in correctly training the eyesight in readily detecting the infinite variety of rocks, and the trend of rock formations which come within his purview. It is chiefly to the energy and enterprise of the prospector upon which a new goldfield must depend for its introduction to the mining world.

The miner, apart from the prospector, also requires special qualifications; not only must he be a man able to perform heavy manual labor but he should be handy in the use of carpenter tools, the forge and anvil, the timbering of shafts and tunnels, the drilling and blasting of rocks, and in fact to be fairly proficient in all the intricate methods applied to practical mining.

As to reliable mining experts they are somewhat rare, and when found their opinions must still be taken with a certain degree of caution. It is a notorious fact that many of the so-called mining experts too often lack the necessary

information and knowledge to frame correct and intelligible reports, and, as a consequence mining properties are frequently injudiciously handled or unwarrantably condemned, as the case may be.

The formation of mining companies and the purchase of mining properties are subjects requiring the serious attention of everyone interested in the progress of the mining industry. In new countries such as this where all the other industries entirely depend upon the speedy success of mining, it is of the utmost importance that the industry should be safeguarded against any action, however plausible, which may tend to militate against its prosperity. It is well known that the holders of mining properties are frequently induced to part with their claims on fictitious terms to company promoters, by which the public is misled into the belief that the vendors have received a much higher figure for their property than has really been paid. And hence we hear the hackneyed and erroneous expressions that "mine owners open their mouths too wide," or "their heads are swollen," etc., which is a clear case of "the pot calling the kettle black." As a matter of fact claim-holders seldom get a fair valuation for their holdings, but are more frequently "frozen out," as the saying goes, for want of means to keep their properties in good standing in compliance with the gold laws. And when this latter juncture arrives the nimble company promoter steps in and buys the property for a paltry sum; and in due course floats it into a company representing huge capital, of which the vendors are said to receive about one-third, and the balance is devoted to working expenses and reserved capital. Such is apparently the manner of raising capital for mining purposes; and as capital is essential to mining, we must accept the system for want of a better one.

Much might be done to improve and strengthen the mining industry if more foresight and care were practised with regard to the formation of mining companies and the selection of officers. Too often the company is overcapitalized—none of the directors know anything about mining and have simply been placed in office by the promoters, to whom they are more or less subservient, and the result is that too much of the capital raised finds its way into the pockets of the promoters, and precious little is left for working expenses.

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False Stampedes.

In the telegraph columns of this paper, of last week's issue, might be seen a report of "the richest strike made in Alaska, on the south fork of the Kuskokwim river."

It makes the hearts of the miner and the prospector rejoice and be glad to hear of gold strikes being made, but it is perhaps well not to enthuse too much till particulars are forthcoming. In that part of the country it is still winter and the frost holds sway, and it is impossible to do any prospecting that would amount to anything. That gold has been discovered is not disputed but to say it is the richest strike yet, is rather absurd. If gold had been discovered, it would have been last season, and, if not then, work would have to be suspended till the snow goes, which will not be for some time yet.

At this season of the year, to the South, miners and prospectors are making preparations for the coming summer in the North. Many are already on the way. News of a big strike reaches them and works up the excitement to the highest pitch. The word spreads and before very long a steady stream of gold-seekers is on its way to the new gold-fields.

If the transportation companies and outfitters are to be considered, this is a very fine thing for them. They reap the benefit in passengers, freight and the sale of goods. But what about the poor deluded stamper? Where does he get off at? He arrives in the country to find that the richest strike is nothing but a hoax, or at least has been magnified into gigantic proportions. Hundreds of men are dumped into a country where there are no means of making a living consequently hardships and privations are endured by the individuals and the district gets a set back.

The most of the miners in this camp are 'sourdough' enough to not 'get too much excite' at these golden reports.

The agitation against our mining laws is practically dead. There never was any real justification for it and it was chiefly the work of men who sought to find something behind which they might hide their own lack of success in the management of the mines in their care. As a matter of fact in no other country in which mining is carried on on a large scale are the laws regulating the industry more liberal, or the incidence of its taxation lighter than in British Columbia. There appears, therefore, to be no reason why the mining industry should not be in a prosperous condition for the next few years, to the great benefit of other provincial industries and enterprises.—B. C. Mining Record.

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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 amend the Pacific, Northern and Quinseea Railway Act, 1903, being 61 Victoria, chapter 50 of the statutes of the Province of British Columbia, by giving the Company power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway also from the junction of the Skeena and Copper rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, to the junction of the Bulkley and Telkwa rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, and to amend the Pacific, Northern and Quinseea Railway Act, Amendment Act, 1903, being 3 Edward VII, chapter 40 of the statutes of the Province of British Columbia, by extending the time for the completion of the work of construction of the line of railway, as limited by section 2 of the said Act, until the 31st day of August, 1910.

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ATLIN, B. C.,

March 14th, 1907.

J. A. SMITH, Manager.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Old Age Pensions.

To the Editor:

Sir.—The Old Age Pension question has been discussed in the British House of Commons. It is proposed to give every man and woman over the age of 65 years, a pension of \$1.25 per week. About one hundred and thirty million dollars \$130,000,000 will be required every year to pay the pensions in the United Kingdom, but against this sum may be placed large sums of money used on the old wasteful and extravagant system of the present administration of the "Poor Law." Then it is further estimated that a large section of the people would not draw the pension to which all would be entitled, therefore, it would leave probably seventy-five million dollars, \$75,000,000, to be found as a permanent charge upon the revenue.

In the year 1894 Sir Wm. Harcourt initiated the Death Duties, or Tax. At the present time the revenue from this source would be sufficient to provide for all the old people in the United Kingdom over 65 years of age. Therefore, if the pensions are paid out of this fund the monies of the rich will be taxed, when they die, to pay for the support of the living, an arrangement which few could find fault with seeing that the persons who succeeded to the large fortunes would not appreciate the deduction to any serious extent.

The interest on the amount expended on the South African war, (which, in my opinion, was wasted, as there should not have been any war), would be sufficient to pay the seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) per annum now required for the old age pensions. It is probable that the old age pension system in the Old Country will soon become an accomplished fact.

In British Columbia we have a large number of young people and it should be repeated that the crown lands of this province belong to the people. Each one of us have a right to exist, when we get older, out of the proceeds of these lands, therefore, we should take steps to allocate a certain portion of the proceeds from all government land sales henceforth held in this province. These funds should be placed into a separate account and they would soon be sufficient to pay a reasonable pension to every man and woman in the province at the age of sixty-five. I am hoping that it will be found practicable to reduce the age to fifty-five, and that we may build comfortable houses in beautiful surroundings in various parts of the province in which we may live, if we wish, when we get older. It must not be forgotten that the money paid in old age pensions is not lost but is simply distributed among the merchants, in exchange for food and raiment.

Frank Richards, J. P.
Vancouver, B. C.

The latest magazines at C. R. Bourne's.

"Get Busy."

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Mining, with the metals commanding their present high prices, offers one of the best opportunities for legitimate investments today. Aside from gold, the price of which never varies, the other metals are at a remarkably high figure, and with a continuance of the general prosperity of the country, thus creating a constantly growing demand for them, these prices are bound to be maintained. With silver worth 70 cents an ounce; copper 23 cents a pound; tin 42 cents; lead 6 cents; and zinc 8 cents; mining presents the greatest opportunity in years. This fact is well understood in the eastern money centres, and, as a result money is freely offered for legitimate mining purposes. —Black Hills Mining Review.

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Entry must be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land is situated.

The homesteader is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of the homesteader resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

Six months' notice in writing should be given to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of intention to apply for patent.

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