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AN INTERESTING LETTER.

How the First Contingent are Faring in South Africa.

Another letter from the same writer as the one published last week has kindly been handed to us for publication. It gives a very good account of the procedure of the B. C. boys in the first contingent.

STRUGSKRAAL, O. F. S., March 9, 1900

We left Osfontein on the 6th going up the river. Yesterday, Thursday morning, at 4 a. m. we left the place where we were camped and advanced toward the Boer position at Blue Kopje. We with the rest of the 19th brigade extended out of range and laid here while an artillery duel proceeded. We were on the northern side of the river, on the south side the cavalry came in touch with the enemy and lost some men. Before noon the Boers were in full retreat and all arms of the British followed hot on their trail. The Boers left a big gun and some wagons in the kopje. We had a long hard march but travelled in a round about way. We have started off again and are now halted about two miles from there till a pontoon bridge is built across the river. It is now 4:35 p. m. and we will have tea in the meantime. The company has just been notified that we start in the morning at 7 o'clock on a four day's march; our objective point is the railway 12 miles south of Bloemfontein. The distance from here to Bloemfontein is given as 52 miles; can't say what we will do then, whether it is a siege or not. If the Boers have been driven north from Stormburg and Colesburg, leaving the line open, and Bloemfontein is occupied we may proceed to Cape Town; anyway it is likely to be a long time before I can send off this. I can scarcely believe we will go there if there was no direct communication south from Bloemfontein, again it may be intended for us to take in rear the Boers who have been at Colesburg and Stormburg. This is all the news at present I think. This part of the country along the river is much better than what we were used to before; of course there is lots of rain now which freshens up the country.

STEYNSBURG, March 14, 1900

We crossed the river at dusk on a pontoon and camped there. We are now on the railroad some miles south of Bloemfontein, it may be anything from 4 to 12 miles. It was on Saturday morning at five when we started from the Modder river. The estimated distances each day are Saturday 20 miles, Sunday 12, Monday 16, Tuesday 16, making 64 miles in four days. Fortunately the weather was fine and marching fairly good. In places where the grass grew in bunches it was fatigueing. It is a splendid grazing country we crossed and very few hills. Gen. French's division was ahead of us all the time; sometimes we could hear the fighting ahead and see the shells bursting. French is now reported to be in Bloemfontein and that President Steyn and his brother are prisoners; it is also stated that the Orange Free State has surrendered. French captured a Boer train with wounded when he got here; it must have been a great surprise for them. We have to get a wash today and trim our whiskers as we, I understand, march through Bloemfontein; I suppose it is for the purpose of over-awing the burghers. I am now on the ammunition guard, went on last night and will be on until 6 p. m. today. I stood the marching very well but a lot of men fell out and some have not yet caught us up. We are still on short rations but we expect to get full supplies soon.

1:15 p. m.—We do not go to Bloemfontein today, at least the order was cancelled until further orders, expect to go tomorrow morning. There are seven prisoners to guard and another is to be tried by court martial at 2 o'clock for stealing a chicken. He was caught in the act of lifting it from the ground and it was taken from him and given back still alive. According to Lord Roberts' orders he may be hanged and the regiment sent to Cape Town for garrison duty. I don't think he will get more than a few months imprisonment.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 16, 1900.

The man got 56 days imprisonment, second field punishment. Well, here we are bivouacked just outside of the O. F. S. capital. We left the last place at 7 a. m. yesterday and got here at 9:30 a. m. Officers are allowed in town by leave of commanding officers and five per cent of the men may at one time receive passes to go to town. Yesterday we received some extras purchased by the officers, by, I understand money from Canada. We expect to stay here for a couple of weeks or so. I shall apply to go into town to-morrow. I would like to get a photo taken; the Vancouver boys wish to get theirs taken in a group, I hope we may be able to get it. Those who have been in the town say it is very pretty. Some of the stores are closed and the prices of the others are high, which is what might be expected. Col. Otter told us yesterday that our march was likely to be an historical one and we would always be proud to be able to say we were in it.

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W. M. Lawrence received yesterday a carload lot of paint containing 40,000 lbs. and there is yet 5,750 lbs. of paint and 15 barrels of oil to come before the order will be complete. This is the first shipment of paint in such a large quantity received in Revelstoke, though Mr. Lawrence says he handled more than this amount last year in smaller lots. The consignees were the British American Paint Co., successors to Canada Paint Co., Victoria, B. C.

Mysterious Explosion At Johannesburg.

(Special to the MAIL.)

LONDON, April 27.—Though Generals French, Pole-Carew and Rundle are vigorously pursuing the Boers by forced marches and have at times engaged their rear guards with but few casualties themselves, the enemy craftily avoid the capture of either men, guns or baggage. General French has entered Dewetsdorp and General Pole-Carew's force is seven miles north of that place.

General Hamilton whose command includes General Smith-Dorren's brigade in which is the first Canadian contingent, on Wednesday entered the mountain plateau of Thaba Nichu without opposition. As Thaba Nichu is a natural fortress its abandonment indicates that the Boers are giving up the whole country.

Mafeking reports all well up to April 10th.

A mysterious explosion at Johannesburg has wrecked the powder works used by the government as an arsenal, British sympathisers are suspected and all the British are forthwith to be expelled. A party of 10 men, 263 women and 429 children have been put over the border and headed for Delagoa Bay.

The Queen upon leaving Ireland made a gift of £10,000 to the poor in the Dublin hospitals.

Twenty Million Dollar Fire.

(Special to the MAIL.)

OTTAWA, April 27.—A fire starting near Main street Hull about noon yesterday was spread to Ottawa by a sixty-mile gale and swept clean across from Ottawa river and Chaudiere flats to St. Louis dam. Three thousand dwellings have been destroyed, fifteen thousand people are homeless and twenty million dollars worth of property is destroyed. All the great lumber mills of Ottawa are gone as well as other factories at Chaudiere, and also the street railway power house. The Ottawa suburbs destroyed are Rochesterville, Mechanicsville and Hintonburg. All of Hull is gone except the big Catholic church and a few houses near it.

Wednesday's Blazes.

The heavy winds of Wednesday afternoon rendered temporarily uncontrollable several of the bush and stump fires which have been burning during the past week. One near the laundry broke out and it was only with great difficulty that the stable near there was saved; the flames then spread to the fence enclosing the swimming bath but were soon extinguished on arrival of the fire brigade. Another blaze started at the old sawmill site and threatened some of the surrounding buildings.

Fire was discovered Wednesday afternoon in the attic of the Hotel Revelstoke where it had been burning for some time. An alarm was given and the guests present responded and soon had the flames under control by applying several jugs of water, work being somewhat retarded owing to the manhole not being large enough to allow a bucket to pass through. The damage was slight. Fire had been lighted in the furnace half an hour before but as the chimney is of brick the cause of the blaze is attributed to the falling of a spark on the roof.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1900.

THE fires of this week have brought out again the necessity for proper fire alarms. Nearly a year ago the city council took up the matter of providing the city with a fire alarm system resulting in the installation during the past winter of a wire system with small gongs which can scarcely be heard outside of the halls, and up to the present time even these have not been of service unattached as they were. Without paid firemen whose duty it would be to remain in the hall the present system is useless unless an alarm which can be heard for some distance is provided. At present in the upper town the only means of summoning the brigade is by calls of fire, the lower town being provided with a couple of circular saws and a hammer which have done good service for some years but cannot be heard above the hill unless the wind is favorable. The installation of proper bells or alarms of some kind is a matter which should receive the consideration of our city fathers at an early date.

ULTRA LOYALTY.

The Conservatives Beaten at Their Own Game.

OTTAWA, April 21.—Sir Charles Tupper is a busy man these days and the brief Easter vacation has brought him no respite from toil. Realizing that under any circumstances a general election cannot be many months distant, and very evidently appreciating the fact that he has an herculean task in hand to retrieve the fallen fortunes of his party, the worthy baronet is going into the fight with his accustomed energy, though if the honest opinion of some of his best informed supporters may be considered an accurate reflex of the situation, he has, thus far, displayed more energy than he has discretion.

It is no new thing for one party to charge the other with enunciating opposing policies at one and the same time for the French in Quebec, and for the English in Ontario and the west; both sides have been accused of this and of course both have strenuously repudiated the allegation. It is however exceedingly difficult to avoid such a conclusion with regard to the latest development in Tory tactics. If there is one thing that the Tories have claimed a monopoly of for some years past especially around election time, it is ultra loyalty. Sir John Macdonald gave the cue in the old days, and until very recently it has always been a good old stand-by on the hustings, and wherever lots of noise with red fire accompaniment was supposed to be desirable. But recent developments have shown that the liberals could beat them at their own game, and beat them with comparative ease too, for the simple reason that almost from the day they assumed the reigns of power the liberals have been giving practical effect to their declarations of imperial sympathies; and as is thoroughly and universally recognized throughout the empire and by every section of imperial statesmen and politicians with the solitary exception of the Canadian federal opposition, there has been a hundred-fold greater results to Canada and the empire in the comparatively brief period of liberal administration than in the long-drawn-out Tory regime which preceded it. The effect upon the opposition, or at all events upon the Tupper section thereof, has been to face them to the right about and make them all violent anti-imperialists—in the province of Quebec, if not elsewhere.

It is only fair to Sir Charles Tupper and his leading supporters to admit right here that he has been unwittingly drawn into taking the position he now occupies, partly by an uncontrollable bad habit which has become a second nature to him, of opposing from principle everything and anything suggested by his political opponents, and partly by the astuteness of those opponents in leading him into a position of unequalified antagonism to British preferential trade, a trap in which they were irretrievably ensnared, before they realized what had happened. Having blundered into it, however, Sir Charles appears determined to brazen it out, at least as far as Quebec is concerned, but the venerable baronet will fail to live up to his reputation for fertility of resource, if he does not succeed in evolving some kind of a policy more palatable to the English speaking section of the community for use in Ontario and the west.

Already Sir Charles is realizing that he has gone dangerously far in his new role of anti-imperialist, and in his desperate endeavor to minimize the baleful effect of his recent Quebec speech he has not hesitated even to impugn the accuracy of the report which appeared in the Quebec Chronicle—his own organ—for in Montreal on Saturday he declared that he had been misreported, and that he did not say that the logical development of the present trend of events towards the closer union of Canada with the rest of the empire would mean a burden of imperial taxation upon the Dominion of at least $40,000,000 annually. The opposition leader's reputation for reckless exaggeration is however, unfortunately for himself, so thoroughly established in this country, that the electorate at large will be inclined to accept the first report of his speech as being a correct one, particularly in view of the fact that it was not until the disastrous effect of that speech began to manifest itself, that Sir Charles discovered he had been "misreported."

Trout Lake Notes.

N. E. Lay and Wm. Schmock leave on Monday next to do assessment on the Annie F. and Pioneer on Tenderfoot creek.

Alec. Biggar and George Hayes have taken a contract on the Rob Roy, driving a crosscut. No particular number of feet have been specified.

Messrs. Johnson and Anderson have gone to work on the John Bull, a claim above Eight Mile.

Local parties have made arrangements to build a gasoline launch to run on Trout lake. The dimensions of the boat will be 26 foot keel and 5½ foot beam. An eight horse-power engine will be placed in the craft and she is expected to develop a speed of about fifteen miles per hour.

Messrs. Jacobs and Huffman of Spokane, Washington arrived in town yesterday, and after laying in a good supply of provisions proceeded down the lake this afternoon to Tenderfoot creek, to commence work on their properties. While in Kaslo on his way in, Mr. Jacobs interviewed Mr. Irving of the K. & S. who informed Mr. Jacobs that his company do not expect to do any railroad building in this district this season but that the C. P. R. is likely to.—Topic.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

EDITOR KOOTENAY MAIL:

SIR,—With respect to the questions asked Mr. Martin by the Labor organization as stated in your paper of the 24th April, I wish the public to understand that neither Mr. Craig or any other man was authorized to speak in the name of the Labor Union of this town. Further, I wish to state, we are not a social organization as it is generally understood but strictly union labor.

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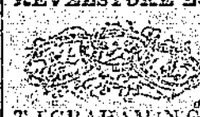

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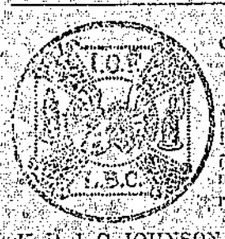

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THE NEWS THAT DID NOT COME.

How a Spanish Garrison In Cuba Waited Peacefully While the War Was On.

By T. M. DIEUAIDE.

(Continued.)

long enforced inaction. The whistling bullets seemed positively cheerful to the long suffering commandant, and his fighting spirit arose. The Cubans, for such the garrison knew the attackers to be from the shrill cries that came out of the gloom, made no determined assault and after keeping up a brisk fire for a few hours melted away into the darkness of the jungle. The Spaniards had recognized occasionally the voices of some of their former very dear and very loyal friends, the inhabitants of Baracoa. Three of the garrison had been killed and several wounded, but the Spaniards were in better spirits than they had been for weeks. The spell of isolation was broken. The commandant cheerfully estimated that he could hold the place for a long time.

Days went by into weeks again, and still the garrison guarded its trust, still without the slightest intimation of the goings of the great world outside. Sorties were met effectually by a rain of Mausers. The Cubans evidently were in force, and they silently and gradually surrounded the town on three sides. The commandant could not bring on a pitched battle, even if he wanted to do so, and he grew annoyed that the Cubans did not try to rush the place. It seemed that mankind was conspiring to keep him in what amounted to solitary confinement the rest of his life. The yearning for news became unsupportable.

"Lieutenant," said the commandant, "take a flag of truce out to those beggars and (swallowing large quantities of Castilian pride) give their commander my most distinguished consideration as a worthy brother in arms and ask him to lend me a newspaper. If he hasn't one, find out something anyway."

The lieutenant went on his mission and was considerably puzzled by the attitude of the Cuban officers. If he had been conversant with Yankee slang, he would have said that they appeared to have something up their sleeves. They were not unfriendly, and their commander indeed chuckled constantly while the Spanish officer was going through his negotiations for the loan of a newspaper. Efforts to induce him to talk resulted only in vague intimations that some tremendous events had been and were occurring. The lieutenant was forced to go back with the message that if the Spanish commandant would kindly give up the vain although very brave attempt to defend Baracoa and surrender the garrison he would have all the news he wanted to digest for a month.

The next day the commandant proposed an armistice, which was cheerfully agreed to, and Cubans and Spaniards fraternized pleasantly, swapping cigarettes and drinks, but not all the blandishments of the Spaniards could extract a word of news. "No surrender, no news," was the watchword, and the garrison retired sadly behind their earthworks and waited patiently for the Mausers to begin to bark again.

In these straits there came to the commandant a young noncommissioned officer with a proposition. He had discovered a tiny embarcacion chata, dismantled, half buried in the mud and like a sieve as to her hull. His idea was to try to make the crazy craft seaworthy and with three or four men round Cape Maysi and make Guantanamo, bringing back with him if not aid and comfort at least news. The commandant jumped at the idea.

On the morning of Friday, June 17, 1898, there were lying at anchor in the calm waters of the outer Guantanamo bay the United States battleship (first class) Oregon, the United States battleship (second class) Texas, the United States cruiser Marblehead, the United States cruiser (converted) St. Paul, the United States gunboats Dolphin and Suwanee, the United States colliers Sterling and Scindo and the United States dynamite cruiser Vesuvius. The Texas, Suwanee, Marblehead and Dolphin had been having a little early morning recreation in knocking to pieces the fortifications at Hicacal point and Hospital cay, and the jackies were taking the ease following duty well done. High up on Fisherman's point the stars and stripes floated lazily over the force of marines occupying Camp McCalla, the first scene of American warfare on Cuban soil. The lurking Spanish bushwhackers had been pretty well driven out of the underbrush, and all was calm.

The signalman on the bridge of the Marblehead suddenly turned to the officer of the deck and said:

"Camp McCalla calling us, sir."

"Acknowledge," said the officer indifferently. Messages were passing back and forth from the camp on the hill to the commander on the Marblehead all day.

The figure of the signalman at the camp stood out sharply silhouetted against the morning sky. The white flag fluttered violently.

The Marblehead's signalman gasped.

"What do they say?" said the officer, sharply turning. He had not watched the signal.

"Sp-Spanish ship approaching, sir!" he stammered.

Guantanamo harbor echoed with the clash of the great electric alarm gongs on the American ships as the crews swiftly beat to quarters. There was no time for anybody to wonder what it could mean, but it was certain that the Spanish ship or ships or whatever or how many they might be would find a warm reception in the sunlit, unrippled waters of Guantanamo bay.

Then suddenly, as every nerve was on tension, there came calmly rounding Point de Barloventa from behind the coast hills, not a thousand yards from the nearest of the American vessels, a tiny nondescript craft with the red and yellow ensign of the boy king proudly flying from her masthead.

A great wave of laughter engulfed the American fleet as the little sloop kept on her way in the light breeze, apparently all unconscious that she was sailing into the muzzles of enough hostile guns to destroy Cervera's squadron.

"Go get him, Pratt," said Captain McCalla of the Marblehead, the commandant of the station, turning to the ensign at his elbow. In a moment one of the Marblehead's launches was cutting the water in the direction of the stranger. The sloop still kept on, while 2,000 men watched her. "She's going to ram the Oregon," chuckled a jackie on the Texas.

The ensign on the Marblehead's launch thought it was time to act. This might be some new kind of an infernal machine. Bang! went the one pounder from the launch, and a shot whizzed across the sloop's bows. Even then the Spanish flag staid up, but the sail came down on the run. The sloop's occupants had rightly concluded that somebody desired them to stop.

The chipper young ensign climbed aboard his prize and found five of the most dazed men that it had ever been his fortune to see. They were so stupefied that they even forgot their Spanish loquacity. The American officer could make nothing out of them, even when re-enforced by two newspaper correspondents who, climbing aboard, demanded the Spaniards' names, pedigrees and intentions. In a few minutes the Cuban colonel Laborde, McCalla's interpreter, came alongside, and at the sound of their native tongue the Spaniards broke out into a torrent of speech. Slowly the story was developed.

"Come to the Marblehead and you shall have news," said Laborde to the adventurers.—New York Evening Sun.

Plausible Supposition.

"Paw," asked Tommy, "what becomes of a cowboy when he grows up?"

"I presume he becomes a horseman, my son," replied Mr. Tucker. "Don't bother me with foolish questions."—Chicago Tribune.

A LAST KISS.

When on my brow death's cooling airs blow free
And all my days except the last are fled,
I have a wish—with upturned face to see
Thy gracious form bent o'er my dying head.
I have a wish that on the last of days,
Thy dear, dark eyes, soul lighted as of old,
Might sound the depths of mine with silent gaze
And guess the secret that I never told.
I have a wish that on my forehead chill
Thy lips at last might print one pitying kiss,
One kiss of love, whose sweet, mysterious thrill
Would seem a foretaste of immortal bliss,
While in thy murmured words my soul might hear
Echoes of angels' voices rolling near.

—Edmond Holmes.

VISION.

Winged with desire for worlds unknown, my soul
Absorbed itself beyond itself and free,
Floating in pure white flame, I thought to see
The immaterial vision of life's whole,
To find the sealed invisible unroll
And grasp the flying form of mystery.
But, lo! near earthborn voices came to me,
Fraught with our common happiness and dole.
I felt a little child's glad love of life;
I wept with women in the house of death,
Worshiped with sinners at the Virgin's shrine.
Within all joy, within all pangs of strife,
I touched the silent spirit's quivering breath,
And in the human found the light divine.

—Katharine Coolidge in November Atlantic.

Burial Customs.

While in old times it was more or less the custom, in the interment of bodies, to bury them with their feet to the east, a custom now substantially superseded by the almost common practice of burying the body with the feet to the path along the front of the lot, so was it once more or less the custom to place the coffin in the room in which the deceased was to lie before burial with the feet to the east. Nowadays the disposal of the body in the room would be determined altogether by the shape and size of the room, except that commonly the feet would be placed toward the door.

Though the common way is to place the body in the center of the room, another way, in comparatively modern practice, is to place the coffin or casket across one corner of the room. This gives opportunity for a convenient and effective disposition of flowers and floral pieces, and it perhaps affords a better view of the face.

As to the manner of moving a body to its burial, that is always done with the feet foremost. It is carried out of the house in that way, put into the hearse feet foremost and so is borne to the grave.—New York Sun.

Looked Dark.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer says that an educated colored man addressed the students of Adelbert college. He told about his experience in his chosen profession, that of a lawyer, asserting that on but one occasion had he ever met with discourtesy at the hands of white men during his legal experience in his native state, Virginia. This happened in a backwoods hamlet, where the general ignorance of the inhabitants was some excuse for their boorishness.

In the course of his remarks he perpetrated an unconscious bit of humor that brought a smile to the students' faces and drew a laugh from the speaker himself as soon as he realized the suggestion in his statement.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

F. McCarty came in yesterday from the west.

T. Horn has gone into the Trout Lake district.

Sheriff Redgrave, of Golden, was in the city yesterday.

Wm. Baty, of Trout Lake, came up Wednesday evening.

Miss Gerda Nilsson came in from the west this morning, going south.

A. Maroney, of Albert Canyon, was a visitor to Revelstoke last evening.

Wm. Magee and John Fraser, bridge foremen, were in town yesterday.

Dan Alton, of Field, is spending a few days in town, looking up old friends.

George Brown, of Enderby, passed through the city this morning on his way to Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Mayne Daly were registered at the Hotel Revelstoke Wednesday evening.

E. Isaacs left yesterday for Calgary and other points in the interests of the Enterprise Brewing Co.

Geo. E. Glass, of the Dominion Express Co., Nelson, was a visitor to Revelstoke Wednesday evening.

W. H. Whitfield and family with Mrs. John Baptist came up from Nakusp yesterday going east this morning.

All government supporters are invited to attend the general committee meeting at the Opera House to-morrow night at 8:30.

Have a look at the samples of wall paper just opened at the Canada Drug & Book Co.'s, they are very pretty and prices reasonable. tf

A company to be known as The Fred Robinson Lumber Company Limited, has been formed to operate the mills at Revelstoke and Comaplix.

Rev. Calder will conduct services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Rev. Gallup having wired that he will be unable to come to Revelstoke.

A meeting of the government general committee will be held in the Opera House to-morrow night at 8:30. All government supporters are invited to attend.

Work on the Illecillewaet river bridge and road is progressing favorably and it is expected that the approaches will be in shape for wagons to cross by Saturday evening.

The new block of P. Burns & Co., in Nelson was partially destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon and is damaged to the extent of about $2,000. The fire started in the cold storage plant and had been burning for several hours when discovered. The Tribune plant and the Imperial Bank quarters suffered small loss by water.

Kid McDonald, well known to the police here, was recently sentenced at Nelson to one month's imprisonment for threatening to "do up" Constable Forester at Robson. On Saturday last McDonald was put to work scrubbing the jail but the jailer being called away and leaving the front door open the "kid" made the best of his opportunity and started on an inspection of the railway track, securing a change of clothes at a shack along the road.

ODDFELLOWS AT-HOME.

Members of Selkirk Lodge Entertain Their Brethren and Friends.

One of the most social gatherings held in Revelstoke for a long time was the At-Home given by the members of Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F. last evening. No pains had been spared to make the affair a success as was evidenced by the preparations of the lodge room, and to ensure ample space for the entertainment of all the opera house was engaged for the evening. Dancing was the chief feature of amusement and nearly all present took part, even, to those who had not danced for years, keeping it up until well on on for 4 o'clock in the morning. The music was furnished by Messrs. Ahlin, Sawyer, Taylor and Thacker. An adjournment was made at midnight to the lower room of the I. O. O. F. hall where three long tables were laden with good things which were partaken of freely. In the lodge room games were provided for the amusement of those who did not wish to dance; music was furnished by John Simmons, of Rogers Pass, with his phonograph, a few selections reproduced being the genial "Billy" Lee's rendering of popular songs.

Donald people have long been noted for their interest in getting up and carrying out such successful affairs as this proved itself to be; and as last evening was probably the most thorough reunion of the former citizens of that town, the original home of Selkirk Lodge, too much credit cannot be given for the enthusiastic manner in which all turned out and helped to maintain the reputation won by them in that once thriving town to the east of us.

GOVERNMENT CONVENTION.

Candidate to Be Nominated on Saturday, May 5th.

A meeting of government supporters was called for Wednesday evening but owing to some mishap in the distribution of dodgers not many were aware of the meeting and as a consequence the gathering was small. Thos. Lewis was voted to the chair, and the business of deciding on a date for holding a convention to nominate a candidate proceeded with resulting in the date being set for Saturday, May 5th. Representation at the convention will be allowed the various sections of the riding on a basis of three delegates for one hundred voters with one additional for each extra hundred, making the outside representation greater than that of Revelstoke. Following is the list with number of registered voters:—

Nakusp	191 Voters,	4 Delegates
Trout Lake	109 "	3 "
Illecillewaet Albt. Canyon Glacier	120 "	4 "
Burton City Fire Valley	85 "	3 "
Arrowhead Thomsons Ldg Hot Springs Comaplix	179 "	4 "
Ferguson	79 "	3 "
Revelstoke	882 "	11 "

H. L. Lovering, F. Buker, H. A. Brown, W. M. Lawrence, H. C. Cook, J. A. Smith, Thos. Lewis, W. Savage, E. Marshallsay, J. Anderson, and F. B. Lewis were selected to represent Revelstoke at the convention, with J. D. Boyd, T. Sweeney, D. K. McPherson and S. D. Crowell alternates.

MORE ACCIDENTS.

Two Railway Employees Meet Their Death on Wednesday.

This week the chapter of accidents has again to be continued, two unfortunates being taken away without any warning.

Early Wednesday morning while shunting in the yard at Sicamous, James Sullivan, a young brakeman, was caught between two cars and instantly killed. There were not any witnesses to the sad affair and it is not known definitely how it occurred. The remains were brought to Revelstoke and, acting on instructions from deceased's relatives in the east, forwarded yesterday to Park Hill, Ont., where his parents reside. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen took charge of the funeral and sent one of their number as far as Calgary where he will be relieved by deceased's brother. Another accident occurred Wednesday afternoon at Notch Hill in which a man named Ferguson, engaged on the steam shovel, lost his life. It appears that he in company with others were raising the "crane" by means of props which gave away striking Ferguson and causing death at once.

A strange instance in connection with recent accidents is that Brakeman Long who was working mate with Sam Matthews at the time of his accident was also with Sullivan on Wednesday.

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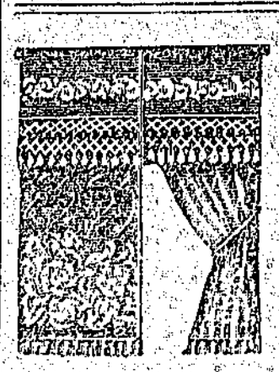

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