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TESLIN-STIKINE ROAD

LOOKS AS IF IT WAS TO BE NARROW GAUGE.

This makes subsidy still more extravagant—It shouldn't go through in present shape—Turner organs attitude on it—The Herald's gibes.

It now appears as if the railway to be constructed by MacKenzie & Mann is to be a narrow guage, and report says the contractors are buying up a lot of old material to be used in its construction and operation. If these statements are true the extravagance of the land grant is made still more glaring and inexcusable, and it will require considerable debate to show the necessity of such a subsidy. Had the Canadian people been given an opportunity (if possessed of half the shrewdness they are credited with) they would have subscribed the amount necessary to build this road as a simple investment, and if the millions of acres of land were added to the prospects they would have even bought at a premium, likely, to get in on such a bonanza. If they wouldn't, Mackenzie & Mann would. The contractors got the opportunity first and took it, of course.

The idea of the people subscribing to such a scheme is not recognized by the Conservatives any more than the Liberals, and though they oppose the contract now the question is would they not do the same, if in power, and give it away to corporations, too? The best answer to that is, have they done so in the past; that should judge them. Two wrongs never made a right, however, and it is not because the Tory machine in their regime played ducks and drakes with natural opportunities that the Liberal machine should do the same. A wrong is a wrong however disguised, and it is wrong to give away so much opportunity for individual energy and benefit, as these millions of acres might make for millions of men, to the enriching of one great corporation—and great corporation it will be, with such a scheme as it can offer for flotation in London and elsewhere.

Despite the wish of the Tunnerite Colonist, which says: "Now that the Stikene-Teslin Railway bill is before the House we hope it will be put through in the quickest possible time," and Vancouver World which says much the same thing, the MAIL hopes the measure will be thrown out, or so emasculated as to give the contractors nothing but what they should get, permission—if they have the means and have put up a guarantee to do so—to build the road and take their chances in competition over the same or other Canadian route with other companies.

Our local Turnerite contemporary says Liberal papers (it calls the MAIL a Liberal paper) are swallowing this contract like oysters—silently. The MAIL offers the public its record on this and other matters of railway subsidy in contrast with the Herald's. Judge ye! The MAIL has denounced the Cassiar and other railway extravagances of the Turner government, and it is free to denounce the Teslin Lake proposal with equal candor and honesty of purpose. It has not changed its coat to suit circumstances as did the Vicar of Bray, nor altered its policy as the Revelstoke Herald. It has not said as one with an "itching palm" might (of course we don't insinuate that the paper quoted has an itching palm, not at all), "The H——d does not approve of bonusing railways as a principle of administration, but so long as that system is in force and any railway likely to help us out in maintaining or extending our commercial field (both these qualities are offered as excuses for the Teslin Lake road) is projected and wants a bonus the H(at-in-han)d will advocate that it receives one." And the sheet which promulgrates this policy is one which sneers at others for being silent on a deal which, with such a declaration, it could not decently denounce.

The public will fail to find such a sentiment in the MAIL. It has tried to be consistent and not so "over-violent or over-civil that every man with it is God or Devil," and it can criticise an Ottawa measure as freely as a Victoria one. It has no thing to throttle it, no Damocles sword suspended over it, no peanut gang to force opinions on it, no government that can buy its silence with a $500 bribe, and it can and will try to express what it believes right no one daring to make it afraid. As to the Herald's gibes—when it denounces the terms of the subsidy to Mackenzie & Mann, baits the Turner government for assisting them still further, and takes issue with other Turner organs like the Colonist and World for upholding it, then and then only will it be able to criticise the silence of others as spineless as itself.

A Pertinent Question.

Chief Justice Davie must surely have felt his position a peculiar one on the application before the Full Court against Justice Drake's decision that no penalty was provided in the act excluding Chinamen from working in coal mines. When this now famous amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act was put through the Legislature, Mr. Davie was Attorney-General. The amendment was framed under his jurisdiction; his solemn word was given to the miners that the amendment was all that was needed, and he many times asserted publicly and privately that the law could be enforced. But he took good care that no test was made during his term as Attorney-General. Now he occupies a place on the bench—yea, the Chief Justice—and is called upon to adjudicate on the law of his own framing, and declares that it is worthless. What must we think?—*Nanaimo Review.* A pertinent question at this time, truly; and an excellent illustration of the character of the Davie-Turner Government throughout.

Telegraphic Tickings.

There are now at the Revelstoke railway yard four carloads of telegraph wire to be used in stringing an additional line to Vancouver from Revelstoke. The business at this important point has so increased to the south and elsewhere as well as locally that the one local wire already in use is insufficient to carry the business transacted, hence the new wire. The rest of the material—insulators, cross irons, etc.—have already gone west and been distributed along the route.

The company is evidently alive to the interests of trade and if they would put in a central commercial office at Revelstoke, as they ought, the MAIL would be able to endorse that opinion thoroughly. A central office is much needed.

THEIR REGULAR MEETING.

Correspondence On the River Bank Discussed.

The Council of the Board of Trade held their regular meeting Thursday evening, President Hearn in the chair. Present—Messrs. Haig, Wells, Cowan, Abrahamson, Taylor—McKechnie, Coursier, Brewster and Shaw.

The minutes were read and adopted.

The names of Messrs. Phipps, Curtis and Tapping were proposed as new members.

Communications from Victoria and Ottawa re river bank were read. A telegram from Hon. Mr. Turner stated that the Provincial Government had offered to contribute $15,000 of the cost of protecting the river bank if Dominion would do the rest. Total cost according to engineer's report was $45,000. A wire from Mr. Bostock, M.P., said engineer's report and letter sent to Governor-General cannot obtain information at present. A letter was read from Mr. Kellie asking for nature of Hon. Mr. Turner's proposals and enclosing copy of telegram from Mr. Bostock which was to much the same effect as one already quoted. A letter from Hon. Mr. Turner (8th inst.) was read corroborating nature of proposal to Dominion contained in telegram. Re question of responsibility it said Board under misapprehension as to the position of Provincial Government which had never receded from position taken in June. A discussion on this correspondence resulted in resolution that the Provincial Government be requested to commence the protection of the river bank, and in view of the extreme urgency of the case if necessary to increase the grant, and to proceed with the work immediately in anticipation of the Dominion Government contributing their share. It was also resolved that a copy of the correspondence on the river bank matter be forwarded to Mr. Kellie, M.P.P.

The committee on mines and manufactures reported favorably on project of advertising Revelstoke and vicinity. After discussion on best means of advertising it was resolved that the finance committee in conjunction with that of mines and manufactures be authorized to take up subscriptions to promote the advertising of the place.

Finance committee:—Messrs. Taylor and Haig.

Mines and manufacture:—Messrs. Coursier, Cowan and Brown.

The secretary's salary in view of the increase of work was raised to $2 per week. A letter from Mr. Fletcher, P. O. Inspector, was handed in which requestion information about the Big Bend in the coming summer with a view of increasing the mail service to that camp. It was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Brewster, Wells and Haig. The secretary was instructed to state that permission to the press to be present at Board meetings had not been withdrawn. The meeting adjourned.

MARRIED.

SMITHERINGALE-KIRKWOOD.—At the residence of the bride's brother in New Denver, on February 2, by Rev. R. Frew, of Nelson, Charles Edward Smitheringale to Miss Emma Delilah Alma Kirkwood.

THE WORK COMMENCES

THE NEW BUILDINGS OPENED AND SESSION BEGUN.

The Lieutenant-Governor's speech—What it contains—Colonist Remarks unsatisfactory in every way—A poor beginning.

The new parliament buildings and the session of the legislature were opened with great ceremony at Victoria on Thursday. The government's programme, for its last session, is outlined in the

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

"Mr. Speaker and members of the legislative assembly: It is a source of much pleasure to me to meet you in this the first year of my office as Lieutenant-Governor, and to congratulate you on the completion of these stately government buildings, so worthy of the province, so admirably adapted for the purposes for which they were designed, and in which you are now assembled for the first time.

"I am gratified to find that the revenue of the country is expanding to such dimensions as to indicate the rapid development of our undoubted resources in minerals and other natural products.

"The vast discoveries of gold in the Yukon region will give a great stimulus to commercial enterprise throughout the province, and, in view of the urgent necessity of securing an all-Canadian route to the Yukon, a measure will be laid before you furthering that object as expeditiously as possible.

"The wide-spread discoveries of mineral wealth in the province indicates the importance of affording increased transportation facilities for their development, and I commend for your careful consideration certain measures which will be introduced tending to that desirable end.

"I have much pleasure in informing you that the efforts you made on former occasions to assist the Crow's Nest railway have—in conjunction with aid from the Dominion government—resulted in the active construction of that railway, and there is every prospect of its completion as far as Nelson during the present year. By this means the extensive coal fields in the Crow's Nest Pass will be made available, and the importance to the mining industry of a good cheap fuel cannot be exaggerated.

"I am happy to inform you that negotiations are in progress for insuring the early construction of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway, which will open up the rich mining camps and agricultural lands along the route.

"A measure will be introduced to you, having for its object redistribution in connection with the electoral districts.

"It is satisfactory to learn that the abundant harvest of last year has relieved the depression which formerly existed in the agricultural industry.

"In view of the adaptability of our province for dairy farming, steps will be taken for promoting its development." The announcement is made that the fisheries and timber industries show marked improvement, and the estimates are promised for an early day.

Alluding to the speech the *Colonist* says (and the *Colonist* means the Government): The people of the Province will appreciate the decision of the Government to ask the House to aid in securing an all-Canadian route to the Yukon. We submit this is a matter which rises far above political partizanship. It will be a most unfortunate thing for the business interests of the province if anything should happen to prevent the building of this railway at the earliest possible day. In regard to redistribution, we think it must be taken for granted that for years to come any changes in representation that may be proposed, must be only temporary. We had some changes eight years ago, we had others four years ago, and the house will be asked to make others this year. We do not expect these changes will be radical. It would be very unwise policy to undertake a radical system of redistribution under present conditions, etc., etc. It is quite too soon to say what the normal number of representatives shall be or how they shall be distributed.

What about this, Herald? How about the Yukon railroad? Is it as good a deal as your masters say it is? Come, take your stand! Is it not time that there was an adjustment of representation? Herald, will you defend the present measure? Do you believe in adding more legislative expense to the country? You've chosen your flag—nail it up!

Why, too, does the speech not contain a promise to readjust the taxation on coal mines, or repeal of the miner's license, mortgage tax, etc.? Herald, will you not cross swords on your master's merits? You have been asked time and again but you haven't made your salute yet. A glove across your face you've had that, too, but you wont answer.

The Member for South Kootenay.

Mr. J. Fred Hume, M.P.P., member for South Kootenay, was in town Tuesday on his way to the coast. He thinks the government is pretty shaky and may not last the session. He says South Kootenay is strongly Opposition and that the government is sure of defeat. Redistribution, he says, is the subject the people most look for, and the Opposition must demand that a proper measure be brought down, and stay with the government till it is.

As to incorporation, from the experience of Nelson he believed that Revelstoke would be benefitted by it. Asked about a salaried mayor, he said as far as Nelson was concerned it worked well and he thought the affairs of that city were in good shape. Mrs. Hume and child and Miss Irvine accompany him to the coast.

They Will Do Nothing.

The Dominion government, whose offer of assistance was repulsed by Hon. Mr. Turner last year, now declines to accept his offer of co-operation. As see the following telegrams from the minister of public works and Mr. Bostock:

Ottawa, Feb. 10, 1898.

Provincial government having declined to contribute for Revelstoke protection works, item $10,500 was dropped from estimates last year. We then cannot do anything. J. I. TAIRTE.

Ottawa, Feb. 11, 1898.

Government refuse to take action. Have done all I can. — BOSTOCK.

Further facts will probably be learned next week.

THE BACHELORS BALL

A Most Enjoyable Affair—Largely Attended.

The Bachelors Ball last night was a complete success and one so much enjoyed that the "boys" are still receiving the heartiest thanks from all who attended. The ladies dresses were very pretty and tasteful and it is a pity there is not a large ball-room or hall that would give them proper color effect. There is not another town in Kootenay where the ladies dress better for a ball than this, yet there is not one but has better accommodation for a ball.

The bachelors giving this successful affair were: Messrs. J. G. Allen, W. A. Morris, A. E. Phipps, D. D. Stearman, T. E. L. Taylor, C. J. Aman, J. Guy Barber, I. T. Brewster, Rev. F. A. Ford, A. P. Fraser, T. Kilpatrick, R. R. MacLean, W. G. Paxton, H. Pratt, H. V. Scott, E. K. Steel, F. B. Wells. The first five composed the ball committee and W. G. Paxton was Hon. Secretary of both committees. The refreshments were voted very good, indeed, and were supplied by Smith & Hyland. The music was provided by LePaso, Ahlin and Northey, (violin, piano and clarinet.) The extras were rendered by some of the ladies present. Free busses were offered both ways which was a great boon as the weather was very inclement.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Sibbald, Mr. and Mrs. Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Hearn, Mrs. Grogan, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brown, Mrs. Corbett, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. L. J. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. G. Johnson, Mrs. Nelles, Misses L. Boutl, M. Boutl, Forrest, Martin, Brown, J. MacLean, K. McLean, Wilkinson, Smythe, Lodge, Northey, Turnros, Corbett (2); Messrs. White, McTavish, Downie, Spurling, MacLean, Craige, Smythe (2), Cao, Campbell, Temple, Jackson, Skinner, Coursier, Dier, Woodrow, Kerr, Corbett, Wallace, Edwards, Thorne. To the list of gentlemen present should be added, of course, the Bachelors' committee before named.

Ran Into a Rock.

The Steamer Kootenay while making a landing at Robson Monday night ran into a submerged rock which made a considerable hole in her hull. Her watertight compartments saved her from dangerous consequences and the boat was landed safely. She will be out of service probably for a few days. This accident is the third in a short while and, if there is anything in the old saw should break the spell.

James Murphy, B.A., barrister, solicitor, etc., has opened an office in the Cowan Block. Mr. Murphy, who is a graduate of Ottawa University, studied with Hunter & Oliver, Victoria, before being called to the bar. His father was one of the best known Cariboo men of '58 days, and his brother is now practising law at Ashcroft. Mr. Murphy is a young British Columbian who should do well here.

WHO WILL BE SPEAKER

FOR LAST SESSION OF HOUSE NOW COMMENCING.

If Hon. Mr. Higgins retires who will succeed him—The candidates mentioned—Their chances.—Government position in the matter.

Considerable speculation exists amongst people interested in the political hurly-burly as to who will succeed Hon. Mr. Higgins in the speakership when that gentleman resigns his chair and walks over to the Opposition side of the House.

The Rossland Miner, one of the late converts to Turnerism, has a correspondent at Victoria who is engaged in picking up political scraps of information and sending column dispatches upon his gleanings. He says that H. D. Helmcken, one of the Victoria City members, will be nominated, but it is hardly likely, as it is generally understood that Helmcken and Higgins are much in touch and the old gentleman plays Mentor to the young man's Telemachus. If this is so, and it is current gossip, it would not be a bit surprising if Harry Helmcken was found by Hon. Mr. Higgins side striking blow for blow—the old Talbot and the young Talbot—against the discredited Turnerites.

If Helmcken doesn't take the speakership (though it will be seen that if he is allied to Higgins and likely to go in opposition, it would be a capital stroke of policy for the Government to put him in the chair) who will? Doctor William Wymond Walkem would, if he could get it. The Doctor, between you and me, is a vain man, much puffed up, and he has taken very seriously the notion that he should have the Chair and (though they might get worse) if he does not get the promotion he will show the government a further exhibition of "the faith that is in him," and join the ranks of those opposed to the present administration. The Doctor has the chair, figuratively speaking, of course, in his head and "he won't be happy till he gets it." If he doesn't look out, that's all.

The man who should get it from every point of view, merit, etc., is Mr. J. P. Booth, the member for North Victoria. He is the "deputy speaker" of the House and a very capable chairman indeed. He has in a sense been in training for the post and has been, but there's the rub, a staunch government supporter. If the Government appoint him, which they should, it leaves Dr. Walkem and Harry Helmcken free to oppose them and it is not unlikely that they will. The lawyer pair will remember took a very independent stand last session and the doctor spoke strongly in opposition. Then too, Mr. Booth's elevation would mean the losing to the Government of a vote on division as it takes one from them by putting him in the chair, and in their present critical position they can ill afford to throw away a vote even if it be to offer a worthy supporter a deserved promotion.

If Mr. Booth shouldn't get it, what then? With his well founded claims no one will blame him if he turns on his unworthy leaders and lends his undoubted influence to the Opposition to defeat them. It is a pretty tangle all around, and its undoing will be watched with interest. Evidently Hon. Mr. Higgins knew what it meant to the Government when he withdrew and they probably are not blessing him. Well! it was his own affair; he is a stronger man than any in the Government party, and in a political sense he cannot be blamed if he threw them off and left them in the present dilemma.

The oppositionists will in my opinion make a mistake to divide the House on the speakership. Let the Government fight it out amongst their nominees. They cannot get out of it without some sacrifice and strengthening of the ranks of their doughty opponents.

TAMARACK.

Local and Personal Briefs.

P. Graham, secretary of the Waverley, will now take up his quarters in Revelstoke.

Mr. and Mrs. W White intend to leave on a visit to Victoria in a few days.

French, American and English patent medicines—all are kept by the McDowell, Atkins Watson Co. Ltd. *

"Johnny" Nelson is back again from the Waverley mine having got through the rawhiding there.

W. G. Goepel, inspector of government agencies, was in town Monday on his way to the coast.

F. McCarty is getting in a carload of waggons suitable for all kinds of service. See him early for orders.

Word has been received from Trout Lake, by Mr. Sibbald, of the finding of the body of one D. Morrison in a tunnel. The death was due, probably to a cave in and had occurred a week before. The coroner was summoned.

Easy running noiseless Sewing Machines at Coursier's. *

T. E. L. Taylor expects his brother next week from the old country. He will be very welcome to Revelstoke.

Messrs. Keen and Bullock, who have been on the Waverley road work, left for Trout Lake yesterday morning.

Mrs. Monford received news this week of the death of her brother at Kelowna by accidental discharge of a gun.

Coursier is offering a number of lines of Boots and Shoes at one-third discount to make room for spring stock. *

J. R. Hull, the founder of the local meat market which bears his name, was in town this week on his way to Kamloops.

L. Sherrin, of England, was a visitor to Revelstoke this week. He has taken stock in a celebrated Big Bend property.

George Kydd, late manager of the Sandon branch of the Bank of B.N.A., is to be manager of the Merchants Bank at Nelson.

Those English remedies you have been accustomed to use, you can find at McDowell, Atkins Watson Co's. *

R. S. Wilson was taken to the hospital yesterday with typhoid fever. The MAIL hopes to hear shortly of his complete recovery.

The Western Canadian Mining and Development Co. will hold its annual general meeting of shareholders at the company's office, Revelstoke, on March 1st.

On Thursday the opening of the parliament buildings and commencement of the session was not honored by the flying of a flag not even on the court house.

The members of Columbia Lodge, No. 34, I. O. G. T., are making preparations for a social to be held in the lodge room on Tuesday evening, February 22.

H. N. Bess has bonded to the Canada Mutual mining and Development Co. of Toronto, the Trapper and Hunter claims in the Lardeau for $5,000.—Trail Creek News.

H. L. Lockwood is the name of the Vancouver manager of the Molson's Bank. The name of the Revelstoke manager has not yet been learned. The bank building is going up quickly.

Columbia Cough Elixir acts like a charm in diseases of the throat and lungs. McDowell Atkins Watson Co., Ltd. *

Amongst the carload of dogs held up by snow slides Monday was one good looking canine with a letter tied round his neck. He was the property of a little girl who had to part with him and she was praying for kind treatment from his future master, whoever he might be.

On Monday night at the Methodist church a farewell social will be given by the ladies aid society in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Melville (who are about to leave for the coast) to which everybody is heartily welcome. A musical programme and refreshments will be provided.

G. W. Baldwin (Uncle George), the well-known fur buyer, representing Joseph Ullmann, was in town this week in the interests of hie firm. He is still the same live rustler he always was and at buying furs he has few equals. See his card in this issue of the MAIL.

Arrowhead Pointers.

The Arrowhead Public Hall Association recently held its regular meeting here and decided to push forward to completion its large hall now in course of construction under the able management of Mr. W. F. Forbes.

The officers of the Steamer Lytton gave an "At-Home" on board the vessel on the 9th. The evening was a progressive whist one with two prizes given, one for highest and lowest. The first prize was a bottle of choice perfume which was won by Mrs. A. H. Jones, the second (a beautiful? nigger doll) was captured by genial George T. Newman. The laugh was on the postmaster. The officers have our best thanks for the enjoyable evening spent.

Capt. Short leaves soon on a vacation south.

Ice on the Arm is in very bad condition but Messrs. Craig & Hillman are rushing the mails through on time.

The A. H. S. & P. Mills, Ltd., are overhauling machinery at their saw-mill and sash and door factory, getting ready for spring trade. The Messrs. DeCow are practical business men.

We don't outfit Klondykers here as yet not having decided on our route, but already several have departed from our midst for the land of the yellow metal.

More at a future date from this thriving burg. ARROWHEAD.

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THE Victoria Colonist, the Turner government's chief organ (we apologise to the Vancouver World), answering an up country journal, gives as a reason for the great length of the sessions of the B. C. Legislature, the numerical smallness of the House.

This excuse is very significant (its merit is undeserving of notice) at the present moment, and may be taken—reading between the lines—as the preliminary announcement of what the government intends to do about redistribution, the most crying need of the country. It is peculiarly significant taken in conjunction with current report and means, more than likely, that redistribution as proposed by Hon. Mr. Turner will be the addition to the House of additional members allotted to places, probably, where he thinks his government may be sustained.

It has been pretty generally agreed by people of both shades of opinion that the membership of the House is already sufficiently large; but without going into that question particularly, it is relevant to ask how such increase will help to readjust the present distribution of seats. How will it equalise the voters in Esquimault where 451 electors have two members with, say, Delta, where 1,130 voters only return one; or Lillooet, where 319 people send two members, with, say, East Yale, where 1,022 voters return but one? On what basis, the Esquimault and Lillooet or Delta and East Yale, will the additional members be allowed? To add new members while the present iniquitous measure exists is making confusion worse confounded, and does not relieve the injustice of the disgraceful Act under which the country now suffers. As long as there are a number of constituencies considerably over-represented and put on equal terms with others much more important, the necessity of increasing the representation is not justified and cannot be admitted from the electors point of view as, if the Lillooet proportion of voters to a member is right, the country would possess a House of about 186 members.

We know Mr. Gladstone once thought of making enough Liberal peers to carry his home rule measure, but he hesitated; and so, too, we hope will the Hon. Mr. Turner before he inaugurates a policy which, carried to its logical conclusion, would make this province a laughing stock in the eyes of the world.

WE hear a lot of talk about Klondyke, Cripple Creek and other mining fields, but West Kootenay is not by any means out of the race, as figures prove. The output of ore from this district in the month of January was $1,193,458, a record passed last year by only three states in the Union. This gives Kootenay the fourth place and puts it ahead of West Australia whose average was but $1,030,333. The people of this district do not advertise their wonderful resources enough, and the January output of this year needs particular notice in the press and by the public.

WE are extremely solicitous to know how the Heardd's caudal appendage is this week. When last heard about some wicked person had it squeezed in a crack (what beautiful metaphor) and the Herald was gradually but firmly pulling it away. We trust you saved all that useful article, dear Heradd, and hope no portion of it was left in the hands of your antagonist who, undoubtedly was envious of its extraordinary length and flexibility; or, perhaps, he thought it was your "smoke" machine, and he wanted to rob you of your only claim to reputation. Poor tail! Poor smoke!

OTTAWA dispatches seem to indicate that the Canadian government has declined to allow an armed U. S. force to accompany the relief expedition to Klondyke. If it has, it has done wisely. There is no cause for arms in the expedition as the Canadian government will protect it, and he would be a bad man indeed who would rob or break into a relief expedition.

Revelstoke Herald, Jan. 29.—"Do they (the public) expect reform in railway administration from the men who were squabbling last session at Ottawa over the V. V. & E. charter, till in their miserable self-seeking they burked the whole scheme."

Just paste this in your hats. Something more will be heard of it shortly.

WE really must refuse to entertain the scheme of a wicked but witty correspondent to buy up the Herald and exhibit it as the "missing link." Try Barnum & Bailey's show, it is always looking for freaks.

Telegraph Line to Klondike.

It is probable that the Dominion government will, during the present session, ask for a vote to extend the telegraph system through Quesnelle to Dawson City, via Telegraph Creek. It is understood that estimates have been prepared showing the cost of the proposed line. There may also be a proposition from the C.P.R. to either build or lease the line.

The distance from Ashcroft to Quesnelle is 225 miles, and the government already owns the telegraph line between these two points. Then, from Quesnelle to Telegraph Creek is a further distance of 540 miles, which, it is said, can be wired in one season. It is said that the government has been assured that a line sufficient to meet the present requirements of the country can be built for $500,000.

The Stickine Give-Away.

The land subsidy granted to Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann by the Dominion Government is the most valuable concession ever given by Canada—if it is not the most valuable ever granted in the history of the world. Compared with princely endowments of territory made to the Hudson's Bay Company and similar organizations when this continent was first discovered, Mr. Mackenzie's gift is as ten to one. And if the men who secured the right to develop the North West were able to interest capitalists in that enterprise in 1070 the Mackenzie-Mann syndicate ought to be able to float their gold mining enterprise in the richest fields ever discovered at a profit of from ten to twenty million dollars. That is what the Government has given away. Four million acres of the most promising gold-bearing properties in the Yukon country will form an asset for a company capable of unlimited capitalisation. In fact it would be considered a favor by English investors to get into a company with such brilliant prospects. The development of the properties that the Company will select will probably result in the formation of the greatest mining syndicate ever effected.—Toronto Evening News.

Lead Shippers Squeezed.

J. M. Harris of the Reco mine, says the Kaslo News, favors an intelligent organization on the part of Northwestern mining men. "Among other matters requiring adjustment," said he, "is the injustice inflicted upon shipping mines in the matter of duties charged by the United States government upon lead ores imported from British Columbia. The smelter makes a reduction of 10 per cent. upon all lead received on account of waste and shrinkage, so that the shipper only receives 90 per cent. of the lead in each consignment, but in spite of this fact the government charges full duty on the entire amount. In all the published statements and comparative estimates of the past and prices of lead which I have seen, the new import duty of $1.50 per hundred has been figured with no mention of the added loss resulting from the government's charge for the full amount. So that with lead at $4 it has been stated that the net returns would be $2.50. These figures are misleading, as a reduction of 40 cents should first be made from the quoted price of $4, after which the tariff of $1.50 reduces the net proceeds to $2.10 per hundred.

"On shipments of lead ores to Swansea smelters we receive credit for the full amount, so that it would seem that either the Swansea people are genuine philanthropists, or we are paying too much tribute to the American smelters. The deduction for moisture supposed to be contained in our ores is often excessive. These matters might properly be brought within the province of the Northwest Mining Association, and if no relief can be had at this time from the smelters we should at least secure a reduction of the government tariff so that the payment of duties will be decreased to correspond with the smelter returns."

Some Sayings of Disraeli.

A noble member of the House of Commons who had risen to great eminence, paused in his first speech to yawn. "He'll do," at once exclaimed Disraeli. Of a member whose physical shortsightedness was conspicuous, and whose constant application and dropping of his eye-glasses irritated the House, Disraeli said, "If this man had eyes, how the House would damn them?" Disraeli said, "When I meet a man whose name I cannot remember, I give myself two minutes; then, if it be a hopeless case, I always say, 'And how is the old complaint?'" Mr. Gladstone pausing for a moment, as if forgetting his next sentence, Disraeli instantly said across the table, as if to help the orator, "Your last word was 'Revolution.'" Disraeli said to Sir William Fraser, in the early days of their acquaintance, "You have chosen the only career in which a man is never old. A statesman can feel and inspire interest longer than any other man." "Never trouble your head as to criticism," Disraeli once said, when speaking of success in the House of Commons. "You know when you sit down after a speech precisely its value. A man does not deceive himself—he knows to the value of a shilling what his speech has been worth."

Threatened to Retaliate.

Colonel Topping's attempt to gain signatures to a petition for Mr. Heinze to obtain a Dominion subsidy for building a railway to Boundary Creek met with a severe frost at Greenwood last week. At a public meeting convened to discuss the matter, Mr. Heinze and his railway schemes were handled in no sentimental manner, one of the speakers, Alderman Galloway, saying he "doubted if Mr. Heinze intended to build. He first asked for a charter only, then a land grant, then a cash subsidy, and now he is asking for another cash subsipy; and if he gets this he will simply be in a position to sell out at a higher figure. He had no faith in Mr. Heinze or his railway schemes." At the conclusion of the meeting Colonel Topping said: "I hope the people appreciate the gravity of the position they have taken. Mr. Heinze is a strong friend or a strong enemy. He is going to build into this district, and the chances are that he will reciprocate for this." This threat raised a tumult, as well it might, and Colonel Topping hastily remarked that it was not meant as a threat. Colonel Topping seems to forget that that sort of a thing don't go in this country. We are not yet sunk to the condition where a disappointed subsidy-seeker can cause much alarm by threatening retaliation. It may be so in some countries, but not here.—Rossland Times.

Consulting Canadian Convenience.

An important conference was held Monday in the office of the minister of trade and commerce, Ottawa, at which there were present Sir Richard Cartwright, Messrs. Mulock, Sifton, and Paterson, Deputy Ministers Parmalee and McDougald, and Elias Rogers and E. A. Watts, the president and secretary respectively of the Toronto board of trade; James Crathern, president, C. F. Smith and R. McKay, of the Montreal board of trade; Norman McLean, Vancouver, and others. The object was to discuss a method of overcoming the inconvenience to Canadian traders and Canadian miners entering the Yukon country by way of Dyea and Skagway until such times as the winter trail via the Stikine river is ready.

After a long discussion the following recommendations were agreed upon and approved by the government: "We would recommend that the government of Canada make arrangements to advance at the Canadian border the amount of money due as a refund to each traveller as shown by the American customs officer's certificate, the person holding such certificate to endorse the same over to the Canadian customs officer, and said amount to be refunded to the Canadian government's representative on presentation to the American collector at the port of entry as provided for by section 85 of the American regulations issued at Washington on February 2.

The Carnes Creek Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited Liability.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of the above named company will be held at the company's office at Revelstoke, British Columbia, on the eighth day of March, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for all other general purposes relating to the management of the company.

I. T. BREWSTER, Secretary.
Revelstoke, B.C., Feb. 8, 1898. 42-46

Certificate of Improvements.

Ole Bull, Big Bend Belle, C. O. D. and Kossl mineral claims; and Ole Bull Lake, Bear and Gold Hill fractional mineral claims situated in the Revelstoke Mining Division, West Kootenay, located in the Big Bend.

TAKE NOTICE that I, William Bauer, acting as agent for the London and B. C. Alliance Syndicate, free miner's certificate No. 75712, intend sixty days after date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under Sec. 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

WILLIAM A. BAUER, P. L. S.
Dated this 23 December, 1897. 37-90

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Application to Parliament.

APPLICATION WILL BE MADE to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, maintain and operate by any motive power a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near Arrowhead, Arrow Lake, British Columbia, by the most feasible route to Trout Lake or Duncan River to some point at or near the north end of Kootenay Lake in the Kootenay District with branches of any length; with power also to construct, maintain and operate the necessary bridges over navigable rivers, and necessary ways, ferries, roads and other works.

Dated at Ottawa this 21th day of December, 1897.

A. FERGUSON,
Solicitor for the applicants.
35-40-96

Certificate of Improvements.

ORPHAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM.

Situated in the Big Bend Mining Division, District of West Kootenay; located on Barnett Creek, a tributary of McCulloch Creek, in the Big Bend mining division of West Kootenay.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Cicero N. Davidson, free miner's certificate No. 26870, issued February 16th, 1897, at New Westminster, intend, sixty days from the 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.

Dated at Vancouver this 30th day of November, A.D., 1897. 32-38

Private Bill Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly for the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for a private bill to incorporate a company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from a point at or near Albert Canyon; thence up the valley of the North Fork of the Illecillewaet river to the head-waters of the Downie creek; thence down the valley of the Downie creek to the junction of that stream with the Columbia river; thence down the Columbia river to Revelstoke; with the power to equip, construct and maintain branch lines to any mine or mines, and all necessary bridges, road ways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Dated at Vancouver, B. C., this 17th day of November, 1897.

WILSON & SENKLER,
Solicitors for the Applicants.
30-38

Comets in 1898.

This year quite a bevy of those cosmical wanderers are timed to appear in our skies. The Pons Winnecke comet should open the list by appearing in April, after an absence of about five and a half years. In May the celebrated Encke comet is due. This comet has a period of only three and a quarter years, and its frequent reappearance has been the means of astronomers discovering a great deal about comets and their wanderings through space. In June we should have two of these cosmical visitors—Swift's and Wolfe's, the former after an absence of six years and the latter a trifle longer. Temple's comet completes the visitors' list by arriving in September. These comets are all regular visitors whose periods are so well known that their arrival may be timed almost to the hour. Others, no doubt, will arrive, but they will doubtless be casuals, of whose antecedents nothing is known, and most of them such small fry as only to catch the attention of the most assiduous observers.

There is one other comet whose visit falls due in September, 1898, but this poor body went to pieces fifty years ago. This comet is known as Biela's and has not been seen since 1852, although it ought to have returned half a dozen times since then. It began to divide in 1849, and on its next and last appearance 1,250,000 miles separated its parts. It was this comet which an astronomer predicted would reach within 20,000 miles of the earth's path on its visit in 1852, and so accurately was this prediction made that its fulfilment was consummated within twelve hours of the time foretold. The near approach of the comet to the earth's orbit caused a considerable amount of consternation throughout the country. Nor was the excitement greatly allayed by the assurance that the earth would not reach that portion of its course which the comet approached so closely for at least a month after. However, nothing serious happened, and the public mind resumed its wonted calm. Although Biela's comet is not likely to appear, there will doubtless be seen about November 26 or 27 a shower of meteors associated with the orbit of the lost comet. This shower regularly returns at periods coincident with the times at which the parent comet would have arrived had it maintained its coherency.

A Remarkable Clock.

A master carpenter has just finished at Chatledon, in France, a clock that it has taken him 24 years to make. This clock is composed of four faces, the largest of which indicates the seconds, minutes hours and years. The centre hand goes around this face once in a century. On the other three faces are hands marking on one the days of the week, on the other the months of the year, and on the third the dates of the month. Leap years are not forgotten, and the irregularity in the number of days in the month is provided for. The sun is shown at the hour of sunrise and sunset at exactly the same hours as the sun in following the course of the season. Every morning an hour before sunrise, every evening an hour after sunset, a sacristan opens a little door, takes off his hat, and sings the Angelus. At twelve the clock plays an air of music which varies every day. The quarters are rung on two different bells. The hours are marked by a procession of the Twelve Apostles, each one armed with a hammer with which he strikes upon a gong. The exterior of the clock is in sculptured brass representing the industries of Peace.

Canada's Mineral Output.

The detailed report of the geological survey upon statistics of mines and minerals for the year 1897 has been issued. It gives Canada's total mineral production for the year at $22,500,000, an increase of 125 per cent. in 10 years, the production in 1886 having been $10,000,000.

The increase of mineral production in the United States for the same decade was 40 per cent. The annual production per capita is $8 in the United States, against $4.50 in Canada.

In the production of gold British Columbia stands credited with over 64 per cent. and Nova Scotia with over 9 per cent. The Northwest Territories, including the Yukon district, comes third with 13 per cent. while Quebec contributes much under 1 per cent.

What May Be Expected.

Political prophesying is a poor business at the best; but we imagine most people who have kept track of the ways and manners of the "agglomeration" at James Bay will agree with us that one does not need to be a prophet to foresee that the coming session will be marked by the launching or refurbishing of schemes which shall have for their main object, from the standpoint of the "agglomeration," the catching of votes. The old game of bribing the people with their own money will be played for all it is worth. The interests of the people will become very dear to the hearts of the Government; and, as there would not be time to prove this by a steady course of good government, we must look for something striking and attractive. It appears almost certain that the license fee, imposed upon working miners, will go. Quite possibly the mortgage tax will disappear also. Then something surely can be made out of Klondike. The natural anxiety of the coast cities to get a good share of the lucrative outfitting trade can be tickled in some way, no doubt. There will, of course, be big appropriations for public works. A member or two may be added to the House, if it appears likely that they can be "put where they will do the most "good." An addition of, say, a million to the debt of the Province would be a mere bagatelle, if the object was attained, and the "agglomeration" given another four years' lease of power. Whether the people can be induced by the promise of such temporary benefits to saddle themselves with the consequences of another four years of Turnerism, is a question which will not be answered until the evening of polling day.—Columbian.

Great Northern Extension.

Rumors are afloat concerning the building in the near future of a line of railway from Bedlington, a point on the Kootenay River close to the international boundary between British Columbia and the State of Idaho, to Nelson. Such an undertaking is not improbable. The route has been surveyed and a Provincial charter covering it was granted at the last session of the legislature. The line practically would be an extension of the Great Northern railway from its main tracks at Bonner's Ferry to a central and easily accessible point on Kootenay Lake. It would give the Great Northern direct rail communication with the extensive territory that is tributary to Kootenay Lake and the Kaslo & Slocan railway, the latter being, it is commonly supposed, controlled by the president of the big American road. The operation of the Bedlington & Nelson railway will be an incalculable benefit to the miners and merchants of the country to which it will extend, and will forever give them a competing railway service from Eastern Canada and Pacific coast centers.

Funeral of a Giant.

The funeral of Joseph Handley, who was the largest man in Philadelphia, took place on Monday, and the undertaker who had charge of the funeral ceremonies, had no end of troubles before the former giant was laid to rest. Handley weighed between 500 and 600 lbs. and was over four feet broad across the shoulders. The undertaker could find no coffin in the city large enough for his body, and was forced to build one, the dimensions of which were 7 feet in length, 4½ feet in width, and 2½ feet in depth. The coffin was supported by iron bands and before it could be carried from the house, the door jams had to be removed. A hearse large enough for the coffin could not be secured, and it was taken to the cemetery in an open wagon. The coffin together with the body weighed 1,200 lbs., and was rolled up the aisle of the church on a rubber tired truck. It was intended to have the interment at Old Cathedral cemetery, but the entrance of the receiving vault was too narrow and the funeral was forced to go to Holy Cross cemetery. Handley was 40 years of age and served on the police force under Mayor Fox.

Prince of Monaco.

"To what base uses may we return," etc. Prince Albert of Monaco who has just succeeded in driving a hard bargain with the Monte Carlo syndicate is the representative of a great past. His dukedom of Valentinois comes from Cesare Borgia; that of Mazarin from Cardinal Mazarin. His wife, too, is the widow of Duc de Richelieu.

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No. 2 passenger leaves Rossland - - - 11 a.m. Connects with C.P.R. steamers for north.

No. 1 passenger leaves Trail - - - 12:30 p.m. Connects with C.P.R. steamers from north.

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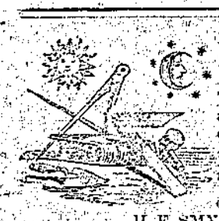
T. J. LENDRUM,

Agent and Attorney in fact for the Kootenay B. C. Smelting and Trading Syndicate.

Dated at Ainsworth this 8th day of December, 1897.

T. L. HAIG, Resident Agent, REVELSTOKE, B.C.

T. J. LENDRUM, Attorney in fact, AINSWORTH, B.C.



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H. E. SMYTHE, Secretary.

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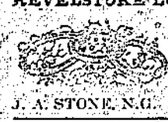

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Revelstoke, B.C., Feb. 10, 1898. 12-10

The Western Canadian Mining and Development Company, Ltd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General meeting of shareholders of the above named company will be held at the company's office at Revelstoke, British Columbia, on the first day of March, 1898, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for all other general purposes relating to the management of the company.

H. A. BROWN, Secretary.

Revelstoke, B.C., Feb. 12, 1898. 12-21

Notice of Sale Under Mortgage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under power of sale in a certain chattel mortgage made by Edward Riel, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale by C. E. Shaw, at the Court House door, at Revelstoke, British Columbia, on the 26th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, at noon, the following property: One barge, one 36 horse power boiler, one 20 horse power boiler, one Northey pump duplex and fittings, one free Taylor gold saving machine complete, shafting, belt, etc., which property is now situated on the banks of the Columbia River, about two miles north of Revelstoke, to satisfy the sum of $500 together with proper charges, costs and costs of sale. Term of sale cash.

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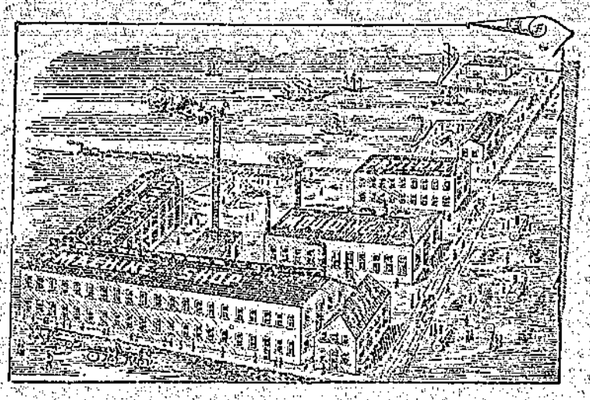

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