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ON REPRESENTATION

IN B.C. AND ITS CONNECTION WITH TAXATION.

How the Inequalities of One are Likely to Produce Unfairness in the Other—Some Comparisons—Inequality of Taxation in Wages and Profits.

Last week the MAIL showed some of the inequalities of representation for which the provincial government is responsible, and by which, containing favoritism and sectionalism, it maintains itself in power. The inequalities of representation are not alone confined to the point of view taken then—inequality of voters—but are also noticeable from that of taxation which is closely connected with representation. Even in feaudal days lords and knights retained their privileges by military service to the king or state. Equally as correct, as that popular government is by consent of the governed is the statement that those who share the burdens of government should share in the powers of governing; or, putting it in another way, that those who pay taxes should share the power of making and determining those taxes. Theorists may differ on the sovereign power of the state to exact taxation, or the sovereign right of the subject to contribute it, but to practical people the fact that Great Britain lost one of the finest of her possessions by ignoring the principle of taxation coincident with representation (the 3d. on the lb. resisted by the U.S.) is not entirely lost, as witness the many self-governing parts of this great empire.

The right of representation was in its origin a right to consent to taxation. The two are closely connected, equality in one being the best assurance of equality in the other, inequality in the one the foundation from which is more than likely to spring inequality in the other. In British Columbia there is a glaring inequality of representation, with inequality of taxation just as evident, as a short review of the revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1896 (the latest official figures) will conclusively show.

To hit the nail aimed at directly on the head, to point out the particular inequality referred to hereafter, it is not surprising to note from the figures referred to that, West Kootenay with, in 1894, almost the least porportionate representation (though to-day no exceptions in rural constituencies can be made) contributes by far the most in taxation. With but two representatives it in 1896 paid $122,903.60 to the provincial revenue; Cariboo, with two, paid $45,033.80; Lillooet, same number, $20,105.73; Esquimalt, the same number, $16,201.84; and Cowichan-Alberni with the same representation as West Kootenay paid but $14,076.42.

To use these examples in another way: With the same representation it paid eight times what Cowichan-Alberni did, though in Cowichan-Alberni it took but 258 votes to elect a member, in West Kootenay 737. It paid seven times as much as Esquimalt, and there it took but 225 electors to return a member. It paid six times what Lillooet did, though there it required but 159 votes to a seat. It paid nearly three times what "golden" Cariboo did, with its 228 voters to a representative. Though the proportion of voters to a seat was higher in the Westminster district with its four members, West Kootenay, with but two representatives, paid more than it did nearly three times over; and taking Yale as a whole, where the proportion of electors is about the same, it paid more than that great district with three seats, by over $17,000. These examples, taking into consideration that the number of electors to a seat is as given in '94 election, and remembering the very large influx of people into Kootenay since then should be sufficient evidence to any impartial observer that West Kootenay is considerably under-represented, that its taxation is unequally apportioned thereto, and it should be given additional voice in the conduct of affairs. If, however, these are not enough there is one more to which especial attention is called as it has some bearing, perhaps, on the second part of this article. It is this: West Kootenay district paid more by over $3,000 to the provincial treasury than did the whole of Vancouver Island excepting, of course, the cities of Victoria and Nanaimo. It has but two members, they have nine. It took on the average 737 electors to a seat in West Kootenay; but 379 on Vancouver Island, or very nearly half as many. Such sectionalism and favoritism in distribution must have a bearing on taxation and seemingly it has, as the following will go still further to show:

Inequality of taxation is the neglect to apportion the subject's contribution in proportion to his ability to pay. It means, unequal sacrifice and inconvenience to one more than another. Properly speaking, a state in imposing taxation should not regard particular interests of individuals but consider it as an organism. A tax on rent, wages or profits, now the chief sources of revenue, would be obviously unfair if those in one place or employment were levied upon while those in another were left free. This inequality is conspicuous in British Columbia and in relation more particularly to the case cited, (Vancouver Island and West Kootenay) of divergence between representation and taxation.

The Mineral Act requires from every one engaged in mining or who works as a miner, other than in coal, the taking out of a certificate, price $5. Why should there be such a distinction? Why such a tax on one man's wages and not on another's? In 1896, (Minister of Mines report) 2476 "hands" were employed in the collieries at Nanaimo and Comox, and amongst the number were 505 Chinese. Under the above exemption in the Act these men are not required to take out a miner's license, but if they worked in lead or copper or other metal mines they would pay to the country $12,380 per annum, or more than the province receives from all the existing collieries. The contribution that West Kootenay made by this tax in 1896 was $29,721, more by $4,000 than the real property tax from North Victoria, Esquimalt, Cowichan-Alberni, North Nanaimo, South Nanaimo, and Comox. It is six times greater than the whole personal property tax of Vancouver Island (excepting the cities) which amounts to only $1,920. It is not astonishing then that Kootenay miners should ask why (their wages being about equal but the conditions are not) the coal miners should be exempted—also the 500 Chinese—and all this taxation transferred from Vancouver Island to West Kootenay. These miners should be compelled to pay the tax or it must be withdrawn altogether. It is no answer to say that Kootenay miners are prospectors, as it is all the better for the government. It is unnecessary to say more on this point than to repeat what everyone knows, that a tax on wages, when over the necessary limit, is a tax on labor, which comparison shows is not equalized.

There is another inequality of taxation, however, between these places in regard to the chief industry of both—mining. The inequality now contrasted is on the equally important head of profits. In 1896 the district of West Kootenay paid in mining receipts, general, $81,245.46, which is, of course, an element in the cost of mining and necessarily in the profits also. In the same year the mining fields of Vancouver Island produced from the same source $1,965, all told. Who to look at such a contrast would think that the district which produced less than $2,000 in mining receipts was a great mining section in which 2,500 hands are employed constantly and in which collieries have as part of their equipment nearly 30 miles of railway, 15 locomotives and over 600 coal cars? Who, to look at the two would think that the smaller total represented just as valuable plants and, perhaps, almost equally valuable mines as did the larger total? No one. Yet it is so, and the discrimination does not end there either. The output of ore from West Kootenay is valued in the '96 report of the Minister of Mines as $1,002,735; the output of coal at $2,327,145. On the first is levied a tax of one per cent or, if on the sum stated, $10,032; on the latter there is nothing of the sort. Why the profits as well as the wages of these industries in different places should be treated so widely different it would be hard to explain from any reasonable points of view. The reason can be found in the inequality of representation as much as anything else, and to even the taxation upon all alike the first step necessary seems undoubtedly to be a just and complete measure of redistribution of representation. Like begets like.

Another Le Roi Dividend.

The *Le Roi* paid another dividend of $50,000 on January 12. It is the 22nd dividend paid by the company, and brings the total close to three quarters of a million dollars, the exact figures being $750,000. The first shipments from the mine to the new smelter at Northport were made last week, and all the ore will go there in future.

Three Opposition Stalwarts.

J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, the late Premier Davie's most dread opponent, E. P. Davis, Q. C., of Vancouver, and E. V. Bodwell, of Victoria, are three Opposition stalwarts the Turner pigmies will have to reckon with at the coming general elections, if rumors now going the rounds prove correct. J. C. Brown's re-entry into public life will be heartily welcomed by many friends and admirers throughout the Province.—Sentinel.

The Year's Ore Shipments.

The total ore shipments from West Kootenay for 1897 were as follows: The value of the ore shipped through Nelson custom house, including all except Nakusp was $3,149,325.97. The value of Nakusp shipments was $543,484.62. Those via Revelstoke $697,569.75, or a grand total of $4,390,380.34. The total shipments of matte was valued at $1,416,692.67 or a total for ore and matte together of $5,807,073.

Dan Dunn Dead.

After two weeks confinement to his bed with acute brights disease, Dan Dunn died at New Denver last Saturday. Mr. Dunn was probably one of the best known railway construction bosses and contractors in the west. Everybody seemed to know him. He has been railroad building for over 30 years, the greater part of the time with the C. P. R. being superintendent of construction over 300 miles of road at one time, and has held many other positions of trust with the company. He went into the Slocan with C. P. R. and has been there ever since in the company's service, and at the time of his death left several contracts to be completed by his partner, Mr. Gallagher. He was born in Quebec and was 54 years of age.

Big Sale In the Slocan.

The *Ledge* announces that the negotiations for the sale of the Whitewater mine, located in Slocan district, pending for several months, were closed last week. The mine sold on a basis of $450,000. The purchasers are London and British Columbia Gold Fields Company, Limited, the deal being closed by J. Roderick Robertson. An option given to the company has been taken up by the payment of $150,000 cash in Kaslo. The deal is virtually a cash transaction, as deferred payments come in quick succession.

The Whitewater group of four claims is located two miles from Whitewater station on the Kaslo & Slocan railway. The controlling interest of two-thirds was acquired several years ago by J. Eaton of Spokane and W. E. Price of Oakland, Cal. The remaining third was owned by W. E. Mann of Spokane, Major J. L. Montgomery, of New York, and J. L. Retallack, of Kaslo. The purchasing corporation acquires the interest of Eaton and Price. Eaton has given personal attention to development of the claim for four years. The mine is now on a paying basis. Dividends have been declared regularly for several months. For some time past the property has been shipping in the neighborhood of 200 tons per week, the shipments steadily increasing each month, the ore averaging $70 a ton. The purchasing corporation will undoubtedly continue vigorous development of the property.

Murphy in Trouble Again.

In the Seattle P. I. of January 10th is an item announcing the arrest of one Henry Murphy on suspicion of being implicated in a murder at Ballard. It reads as follows: "There may be some startling developments in the Ballard murder case today. Detective Barbee arrested a man named Henry Murphy late Saturday night and made no specific charge against him. It developed yesterday that Barbee believes Murphy to have been the "outside" man of the gang which attempted to hold up Charles Ross. Murphy has admitted that he was at Interbay on the night of the shooting, but insists that he was not in Ballard. Barbee is of the opinion that he has two witnesses who will identify Murphy as the man who was seen in different places with the robber who was killed by Ross.

"Barbee has been searching for Murphy for seven days and did not meet him until Saturday night. He had a perfect description of him and furthermore knew that he had a lame ankle. When Murphy was registered at police headquarters he said that he had hurt his ankle at the Stampede tunnel. The officers did not make any attempt to impeach his story, and he was taken to a cell.

"Detective Meredith happened to pick up a crumpled piece of paper from Murphy's effects and curiosity led him to read it. This is what it said in effect: "News comes from Revelstoke that a prisoner tried to escape from Constable Page and was shot in the ankle."

"Murphy was brought out and asked to show his ankle. He did so and explained that the hole was made by the physician's knives. "I thought it was where the tunnel went through," said Capt. Willard with a twinkle in his eye. Murphy finally confessed that he was the one who attempted to escape from the constable and was shot."

A telephone message called Fire Brigade No. 1 to the station Thursday, the fire being at the house occupied by Mrs. Sargent. The flames were quickly extinguished. Damage to the extent of $500 was done to the house and furniture.

Disposed of All His Intrests Here.

During the past week E. L. Kinman has completed the negotiations which he has been carrying on for some time for the disposal of all his interests in this neighborhood. The purchasers are local men and the property disposed of consists of an interest in the Lardeau Mining & Development Co., of which he was manager, full interests in the Novelty and Colonial, a half interest in the Nickel Plate, a third in the Ben My Chree, and his real estate interests in Trout Lake City; all the mineral claims are situated in the Trout Lake camp. The consideration is, it is understood, a good one running into five figure, the amount not yet being made public. Mr. Kinman, who has operated as a prospector and miner in this neighborhood for the past five and a half years, is disposing of his interests here to enable him to turn his attention to new fields and will probably try his luck in the Cassiar country next summer, in the meantime he intends taking a holiday trip south. He expresses himself as well satisfied with the results of his labors in this part of West Kootenay.

Presbyterian At-Home.

On Monday evening a very successful At-Home was given in the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Ladies Aid. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Bruce Lawson, president of the Aid. A programme consisting of recitations, vocal and instrumental music was rendered, after which refreshments were served. The thanks of the ladies is due to the members of the orchestra who assisted so ably in furnishing music for the evening.

To Illuminate the Streets.

The annual meeting of the Revelstoke Street Lighting Co. took place Monday, 10th inst. Present—W. M. Brown, W. Cowan, H. N. Coursier, C. M. Field, A. McNeil, J. Abrahamson. A balance of $108.05 to the company's credit was shown by the books, and on motion $75 was contributed to the Revelstoke Fire Brigade, No. 1. It was resolved to replace the old oil street lights with electric lights and extend that system of public lighting to the top of and partly over the hill. The Street Lighting Company will take hold of the business and defray the cost of lighting by usual method. W. M. Brown was elected manager for 1898. J. A. Stone was elected secretary.

Presentation to Father Peytavin.

Rev. Father Peytavin, whose removal to Kamloops has already been noticed in these columns, paid a short visit to town this week. The occasion was taken advantage of by a large number of his late parishioners here to make him an address and presentation testifying to their esteem and appreciation of his ministrations here during the past four years. The presentation took place Wednesday at the residence of John Caley when a very pleasant and sociable evening was enjoyed by those present.

It is learned that Father Peytavin's successor will be Rev. Father Thayer, of Vancouver, who is expected to arrive here early next week when he will assume charge of the district recently covered by Father Peytavin.

Local and Personal Briefs.

Angus Beaton passed through here Sunday night enroute to the Yukon. Angus believes in getting in early and so avoid the rush.

C. P. R. traffic receipts for week ending December 31st were $797,000; for the same period last year they were $591,000.

Jack Perks will be missed at the Vic.

F. Fraser and T. Graham were in town from Albert Canyon this week.

Jack Shaw came out of hospital this morning feeling like himself again.

Miss Gibbon, of Sandon, went through Monday and was met here by a number of friends.

The annual meeting of the Revelstoke Board of Trade takes place on Tuesday next.

The Board of Trade by resolution last Monday admitted the press to all meetings. Thanks!

Mayor Scott of Rossland has thrown up the sponge and Wallace gets the chair in a walk over.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tomlinson, of Vancouver, arrived in town Sunday and will in future reside here.

All kinds of fancy globes and shades for electric lights at The McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co's, The Druggists.

J. T. Graham went up to Albert Canyon on Thursday to look after the ore shipments soon to be made from the Waverley.

F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, was in town Tuesday. It is reported he took, or ordered steps taken, to secure the old government office (partly occupied by W. White, Q.C.) entirely for jail purposes.

Chinese New Year commences this year on Sunday, January 23rd. Look out for the fire crackers.

Albert Calder's numerous friends will be pleased to see him behind the bar again. He has taken the night shift at the Gold Hill.

A large party drove to Mr. P. Stacey's on Thursday evening where an enjoyable time was spent until an early hour in the morning.

Come in and examine the handsome electric piano and hall lamps—The McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., The Druggists.

Buster and Palmer's dog sleigh broke down about seven miles up and they have come back to fix up a new one, the stuff is cashed at the store house.

Supt. Marpole, Messrs. Cambie, Duchesnay and Perry, all of the C. P. R. engineering staff, were here Sunday. Messrs. Marpole and Cambie went east Monday.

Chas. Holten has leased the Victoria Hotel. Jim Edwards will run it, and Pete Levesque will be on duty at night. Under Mr. Holten's care this popular house will be much patronized.

The report that Tapping's Hall is unsafe for a crowd, is traceable no doubt to the London affair. The MAIL is told that it has been examined by a competent man who says it is perfectly safe.

The *Era* at Golden says it has official authority for stating there is no truth in the report that North East Kootenay is to be obliterated, merged into Revelstoke district and called North Kootenay.

Next week the electric light service begins. You will want some attractive and dainty fixtures, we sell them—The McDowell, Atkins, Watson Co., The Druggists.

Mr. Marpole has inaugurated on the Pacific Division what is known as the Brown system of dealing with railway employes. The principle of this system is that a man who has made a mistake or become involved in accident, and is punished by temporary suspension, is a much more valuable man to the company after re-instatement, as he is invariably more careful. The working of the system on the Pacific Division has given great satisfaction both to the employes and to General Superintendent Marpole himself.—Golden *Era*.

The Winnipeg Free Press commenting on the departure of Mr. M. S. Parry, who has been appointed general agent of the Confederation Life for B. C., from that city says: Mr. Parry is yet undecided as to where he will make his headquarters, having the choice of Nelson, Revelstoke or Kamloops. He will come to a decision in the matter after he has gone thoroughly over his field of work. His new duties will commence on Feb. 1st. Mrs. Parry is a lady of high musical attainments and has been one of Winnipeg's favorite vocalists for three years past.

The Revelstoke Mandolin Club made its *debut* at the Ladies' Aid "At-home" of the Presbyterian church Monday night under the leadership of Prof. LePaso. The pleasing and sweet music was much appreciated being something entirely new. It is hoped the club will frequently appear at local concerts, entertainments and socials and continue adding to its repertoire already large and varied. Its music should be very suitable for evening parties and dances. For information about the club inquire for Prof. LePaso at Guy Barber's jewelry store next P.O.

Favor the Present Law.

The Provincial Mineralogist, Mr. Carlyle, proposed some time ago that to prevent wholesale re-location of mining claims without doing work that it should be made compulsory to do work prior to recording. The Kootenay press generally opposed the idea and it has been well discussed from many points of view without any, as far as can be learned, definite understanding being come to on how to deal with it.

The most recent discussion on the subject resulting in same proposal was made by the mining association at Golden. It was that, when a claim has been located and held for a year without any assessment work being done on it, except from sickness or other reasonable cause, no person shall relocate such claim, until he has a permit from the Gold Commissioner, and has made a declaration that the original holder has no interest in such relocation, provided that if no such permit be granted within 60 days from the expiry of the term for assessment work, a claim may be re-located by any person, including the original holder thereof. An amendment that it is desirable the law remain as it is, carried.

As the subject will most likely come before the mining committee this session suggestions from practical mining men would be timely.

PRAISE UNDESERVED.

OUR CONTEMPORARY SETS UP A SPURIOUS CLAIM.

Its Views and those of the Petitions, Which It Admits Had the Right Spirit, Contrasted—The Turner Little Game Spoiled by its Clumsiness.

The *Herald* congratulates itself that its ideas upon the river bank work tallied so precisely with those of the rest of the community, and says the right spirit was shown in circulating and unanimous signature of the petition to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. J. H. Turner. Did the *Herald's* view tally so "precisely" with the "right spirit" of the petition? Not exactly, there is a radical difference in the two, a difference so wide that it might almost be called a rebuke. The *Herald* began its "view" with advice to keep out politics, then speaking just as a government organ always does, said Mr. Gamble's report is now before the government, its contents has not been divulged, but the *Herald* believes it recommends the wing-dam scheme, and places the expense at the very moderate estimate of $30,000. "Mr. Turner has now declared his intention to advise his government to assume part of the cost, etc; $15,000 is not entirely out of sight." This is "inspired" information without question, direct from Victoria, and accompanied, no doubt, by the suggestion which the *Herald* throws out immediately after delivering the particulars, viz:—The best thing Mr. Turner's *friends* in town can do is to strengthen his hands in putting the proposal before the legislature, by getting up a good strong petition to that body to pass the estimate. Again, to cover up the little scheme, to be explained later, Mr. Bostock's "active and influential" supporters were to get him stirred up in the same way.

Why were Turner's "friends" to petition Bostock's supporters to urge him? Why make this distinction? Have not Turner's opponents just as much right to petition him as his friends, or Bostock's enemies the same right as his active and influential (taffy) supporters? We hope it is not yet otherwise—when it is, let the rocks fall on us. Why then did the *Herald* make the distinction, which would split up the people into partizans, and which the petition, whoever formed it, most wisely ignored. As it was drawn up to both governments for signatures, by friends and foes alike, regardless of party, and sent forward by the accredited representatives. There was no Turner "friends" petition, no Bostock "active and influential" supporters about it. The people went on as business men, property holders, residents, etc., not as partizans. But the *Herald* has not answered yet why it urged advice so different from what it now tries to congratulate itself upon, (we wonder if Hon. Mr. Turner will congratulate it at letting out the cat from the bag so clumsily,) and which is known by a large number of people to be entirely undeserved. Its motive was (the Victoria instructions.) The old old game; the petition circulated by "friends" (and who wouldn't sign one for protecting the bank?) A delegate would be sent down to Victoria (probably a candidate for parliamentary honours in the Turner interest) at the next election) to present it. The Turner government intend to do something for the river bank (see earlier part of the *Herald* article.) and they must make all the capital they can out of it. Mr. Budding candidate presents his petition, makes a powerful appeal, (wire to *Herald*). Government obdurate, not their affair. Dominion duty (wire to *Herald*). Another powerful plea, citizens houses and property in danger, etc., etc. (wire to *Herald* and editorial on subject). Government heart softens, bends a little, haws a little, [illegible] the organ and finally, owing to the persuasive eloquence of Mr. Budding Candidate, Government gives in with a good grace, (several [illegible] editorials on what a good government [illegible]). Return of Mr. Budding [illegible] with great prestige [illegible] parade of the [illegible] gang, [illegible] and [illegible] of the delegate, [illegible] for the place, got, [illegible]. Oh, it [illegible] nothing spoiled it but [illegible] clumsiness of the [illegible] working it. It would be [illegible] to see Hon. [illegible] the big petition [illegible] by Mr. Kellie instead of by Mr. [illegible] Candidate, signed by [illegible] as well as "friends," and couched in firm and respectful terms.

All is well that ends well! The *Herald's* little [illegible] scheme was [illegible] on by [illegible] and killed immediately [illegible] find its tide. The petition [illegible] the "*right spirit*," and Hon. Mr. Turner cannot turn ugly because this scheme did not work; he cannot be so unfair or unjust as to ignore [illegible] it is presented by Mr. Kellie [illegible] the "other fellow." He would [illegible] to recognize that *Mr. Kellie [illegible] not be considered in this matter [illegible] a supporter or opponent, but simply as the representative of the [illegible] of this community.*"

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REVELSTOKE, JAN. 15, 1898.

SOME weeks ago the Rossland Miners' Union demanded the provincial government to immediately make the appointment of mine inspector, pointing out that the safety of life and limb demanded it. The tragic death of Capt. Hall of the Le Roi has given an opportunity to emphasize that demand, as the coroner's jury referred to the subject and pointed out that no inspector had yet been appointed. When will the government open Nanaimo City constituency and make this appointment.

WOULD it not be a good idea to form an association of all those interested in Big Bend. Such a body, actuated solely by a desire to open up and develop the trade of that camp, could if properly and actively conducted be very instrumental for good in this direction. A similar association has been formed in Kaslo for developing trade with the Lardo-Duncan country and has been very successful indeed. Nelson also has a committee to look after connections with Fort Steele.

THE Herald's explanations last Saturday of what it meant by "the most important end of the Riding" is a subject to which the MAIL desires to call the very serious attention of the public of North Kootenay proper.

Our contemporary has vulgarly boasted of having done more in one year for this part of Kootenay than the MAIL in seven. In contemptuous tones it contrasts its "common sense and vigorous English" with the "childish tirades" of the MAIL, and proudly proclaims itself a "practical" newspaper. We propose in this article to take the Herald at its self-stated estimation, give it full credit for all its claims, particularly the common sense and practical qualities (by the way, was its conversion to Turnerism dictated by practical or sentimental reasons). We will deal only with what the Herald calls "cold facts" (they may be hot ones soon) and shall rely solely on its own columns to prove our point—which is that, in its haste to serve its new cause—the Turner government—it urged the disfranchisement of this part of the Riding in the coming session which is admittedly the most critical for many years.

To begin—

Revelstoke Herald, Dec. 18:—"The electorate which chose a supporter of the government to represent them should have a right to say whether they now prefer to be represented by a member of the opposition, and it is Mr. Kellie's duty to them and to himself as an honest man to give them an opportunity of doing so, *which he can now only do by resigning.*"

The next step—

Revelstoke Herald, Dec. 31 (replying to the Nelson Tribune):—"Nor is there much more sense in the suggestion that Mr. Kellie's resignation would mean that this riding would have to go unrepresented next session. *If Mr. Kellie does resign there will almost certainly be a bye-election.*"

The climax—

Revelstoke Herald, Jan. 8:—"... the Herald fails to see what anyone can find to take offence in the statement of such an obvious fact as that the lower end of this Riding is the most populous and politically important, or *that in the event of an election with the constituency in its present shape that that end would have most to say as to who the next member would be.* At present these are the cold facts."

Let the people of this unimportant (?) end of the Riding weigh these three statements carefully. Treat them as "cold facts" from a "practical" and not a sentimental point of view, and to this one who heateth the air. First, Mr. Kellie resign, the only thing as an honest man you can do. Second, "If Mr. Kellie does resign there will almost certainly be a bye-election." Third, in the event of an election, with the constituency in its present shape, that that end (Rossland) would have most to say as to who the next member would be.

At present these are the "cold facts" and, as we promised, they are all of the Herald's own manufacture. They state in almost as many words that if Mr. Kellie resigned his place would be filled by a man from Rossland, as the constituency would still be in its "present shape" and that is the most populous and "politically" important part of it.

And this with a redistribution measure urgently needed and almost sure to come up, is how the Herald works for North Kootenay; this the way it would lead the public to believe it sincere in its loud protestations of anxiety on their behalf. We all know, with our district just budding into prosperity, with increasing prosperity and general advancement, how necessary it is that we should have a representative at the coming session to work for redistribution by every means in his power. Yet, despite the gravity of the situation, the Herald would disfranchise us till June next and leave us to the tender mercies of a Rossland man. It is a most outrageous thing for a paper to advocate in its own territory, it is an insult to the intelligence and pride of the people have and they did wisely to discredit it by requesting Mr. Kellie to retain his seat.

"The Herald," to quote it once more, "does not believe in indulging in roseate dreams of what might be or ought to be, or what we should like to be in politics, but in taking the situation as it stands and speaking accordingly." It can take the situation as it stands on its own statement and make the best of it, but its best would be but little. Its zeal for Turner outran its discretion when it proposed to send a man from Rossland to represent us till next June. Revelstoke end has had a member in the legislature for eight years and it is not, now in the day of its progress that it will relinquish that right, though the Herald may disloyally state it "doesn't see what anyone can find to take offence in such a statement."

Lumber Companies Amalgamate.

The Columbia River Co. have purchased the business, plant, limits and all proprietary interests of the Golden Lumber Co., and the two businesses will hereafter be run as one concern. The deal is a big one and has only been completed after two months of negotiations. The head office of the company will be at the Beaver in accordance with the Columbia River Co's Dominion charter. Mr. M. Carlin, who was formerly manager of the Golden Lumber Co's business and lately manager for the Columbia River Co., will be manager of the combined concern, and W. G. Neilson will be secretary-treasurer. The company intend developing their business extensively and will have half a dozen lumber camps at work during the winter. S. Barber, who has been secretary of the Golden Lumber Co., will probably go into business in West Kootenay.—Golden Era.

New Freight Rates.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has voluntarily made material reductions in freight charges on commodities shipped from Eastern Canada to the Kootenay country. The reductions are those which the C. P. R. at the time of obtaining the Crow's Nest charter agreed to make when the Crow's Nest line was completed to Kootenay River. Under the agreement the reductions would not be in effect for many months to come, but the company concluded that they should go into effect January 1, 1898.

The reductions are from 10 to 33⅓ per cent, and some of the commodities affected are agricultural implements, cordage, felt, household furniture, glass, iron, paints and oils, building paper, wire, woodenware, canned goods, green and fresh fruits, rope, etc.

The Whitewater Deal.

Negotiations are on for the sale of the Whitewater mine, located in the Slocan district. The prospective purchasers are the London and British Columbia Gold Fields Company, Limited, the deal being managed by J. Roderick Robertson, representing that strong English company. The Whitewater group was examined several months ago by R. S. Fowler, engineer for the company, and about three weeks ago by J. D. Kendall, consulting engineer for the same corporation. Favorable reports were made by both gentlemen and an option was given to the London and British Columbia Gold Fields Company. [illegible] The purchase price has not yet been made public.

British Colonial Expansion.

Here are some figures which illustrate in a striking manner the progress of some of our colonies: Half a century ago the commerce of the Cape Colony was estimated at £50,000; to-day it is reckoned at £27,000,000, undoubtedly the record rate of progress among our colonial dependencies. A comparison of the shipping exports shows a similar phenomenal advance; for instance, in 1857 the tonnage outwards and inwards at Cape Town was, approximately, 150,000 tons, while at the present time the figures stand at 3,500,000 tons. Canada, too, within the same period has raised her import values from four to twenty-four millions, and her exports from £2,500,000 to £21,000,000. The Australasian colonies, in their order, figure for exports: £20,000,000 for New South Wales, £21,000,000 for Victoria, and £10,000,000 for New Zealand, while their imports are, respectively £5,000,000, £5,500,000, and £1,500,000.

County Court Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a sitting of the County Court will be holden at Revelstoke, B.C., on Wednesday, the 15th day of December, A.D., 1897, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.

Revelstoke, Nov. 26th, 1897. 82-3t

The above sitting has been adjourned until Wednesday, January 19th, 1898.

JOS. D. GRAHAM,
Registrar County Court.

Revelstoke, Dec. 15th, 1897.

Certificate of Improvements.

ORPHAN BOY MINERAL CLAIM.

Situated in the Big Bend Mining Division, District of West Kootenay; located on Barrett 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. 96070, issued February 19th, 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. 33-9t

LICENSE AUTHORISING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

CANADA:
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
No. 21/97.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the "Sunshine, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects hereinafter set forth to which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

The head office of the Company is situate at Nos. 1 and 2, Great Winchester Street, in the City of London, England.

The amount of the capital of the Company is £300,000, divided into 300,000 shares of £1 each.

The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, and Albert Edward McPhillips, Solicitor, whose address is Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, is the attorney for the Company.

The objects for which the Company has been established are:—

(a.) To acquire the mines or claims known as the Silver Cup, Sunshine, and Towser, situate in Kootenay District, in the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada, and any mineral claim or claims adjoining the same or in the vicinity thereof, as to the Company may from time to time appear expedient:

(b.) To adopt and carry into effect, either with or without modification, an agreement dated the 29th day of April, 1897, between the Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, of the first part; William Farrell and Thomas Dunn of the second part; and Edgar Arscheld Bennett, as trustee for the Company, of the third part:

(c.) To develop, open, raise [illegible] metals and minerals from, and generally to work all or any of the [illegible] and mining and mineral claims, lands and premises when acquired [illegible] [illegible] market ores, metals and minerals [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

guarantee the contracts of, or otherwise assist any such person or company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same:

(h.) To purchase, take on lease, hire, or in exchange, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purpose of its business:

(i.) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company upon such securities, and in such manner, as may from time to time be determined, and in particular to invest, or otherwise acquire and hold shares in any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the Company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company:

(j.) To borrow, or raise, or secure, the payment of money in such manner as the Company may think, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon all or any of the Company's property (both present and future), including its uncalled capital:

(k.) To draw, make, accept, indorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable instruments:

(l.) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company:

(m.) To do all or any of the above things, in all or in any part of the world, and either as principals, agents, trustees, contractors, or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents, sub-contractors or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with others:

(n.) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in British Columbia and elsewhere abroad, and to enter into arrangements with any governments or authorities that may seem conducive to the Company's objects or any of them, and to obtain from any government or authority any rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think it desirable to obtain, and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions:

[illegible] with any other [illegible] objects altogether or [illegible] the objects of the [illegible]

[illegible] by annual payment [illegible] any Company or [illegible] rendered, or to be [illegible] conveni[illegible] for any [illegible] the disposal of the [illegible] any period [illegible] company's or [illegible] property:

[illegible] other things as are [illegible] conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

[illegible] my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this [illegible] day of December, [illegible] thousand eight hundred and [illegible]

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

Certificate of Improvements.

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DEATH OF CAPT. HALL.

Lost His Life In the Le Roi Mine Last Week.

Capt. William E. Hall, superintendent of the Le Roi mine at Rossland, was killed at 5:20 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by falling down the main shaft from the surface to the 600 foot level.

Capt. Hall and the foreman, Nick Tregear, who had been making an inspection of the mine, rode to the top on one of the skips. The foreman stepped safely on the floor and walked to the shaft house, a few feet distant, but Capt. Hall stepped on a narrow beam, 10 inches wide, which separates the two compartments. A moment later he lost his footing and fell to the bottom, landing fairly across the skip which was standing there. The remains were badly mutilated and scarcely recognizable.

The body was shipped to Butte for interment. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. The death of Capt. Hall is looked upon as a public calamity and to the Le Roi company his loss is a serious one. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

North Yale's Convention.

The convention for the selection of an Opposition candidate for the North Riding of Yale was held in Raven's Hall, Kamloops, on Saturday, 8th inst.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by C. A. Semlin, leader of the Opposition, who presided, Dr. M. S. Wade acted as secretary.

The meeting was a representative one as with but two exceptions, every polling division in the Riding had its delegate or delegates among the 32 whose credentials were presented.

After a few introductory remarks, Mr. Semlin called for nominations and the names of Hugh McCutcheon and F. J. Deane were proposed.

This necessitated a ballot which was duly taken, Mr. Deane receiving a decided majority of votes. The selection of Mr. Deane was then, upon motion, made unanimous.—Inland Sentinel.

A Modern New York Hotel.

The latest news in New York is the recent opening of the Astoria—John Jacob Astor's new hotel. It adjoins the Waldorf, William Waldorf Astor's hotel, and the two practically form one building, called the Waldorf-Astoria. The Waldorf-Astoria is considered the largest and finest hotel in the world. It is a $5,000,000 hotel built by millionaires for the use of millionaires. The Waldorf and Astoria have been grafted together with such architectural cunning that no break can be detected. Floor has been fitted to floor, story to storey, window to window, roof to roof. The structure extends along Fifth Avenue and half a block down Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets. To give one an idea of its proportions, there are laid in the Astoria alone nearly 284 miles of electric wire for lighting and call-boy service. Many corridors are 300 feet long. The ball room is 100 feet square and 40 feet high, while not a post or a pillar breaks the polished stretch of its 10,000 square feet of dancing surface. Upon the roof is a sun parlor or winter garden, glass enclosed. There is also a great promenade, which in summer will be used as a roof garden.

The Reco's Find.

The Reco mine has been unearthing a specially pleasing find for the last two weeks at a depth of 1,000 feet in No. 4 tunnel. It is a lead of ruby silver, about two feet in width. The ore is worth from 75 cents to $1 per pound at the present price of silver. The company had a specimen of some 50 pounds they were sending to Montreal with the Mr. Ribblett's collection.

The mine is now shipping twelve tons a day which places it fourth on the list in the Slocan.

The pleasing feature of this mine is that as depth is driven wealth increases which is a marked characteristic of all the established mines in this section. This find of the Reco, wealth and volume considered, is the best the mine has ever turned out by a considerable percentage.—Mining Review.

In His Own Defence.

The hearing of the charge of criminal libel against Hewitt Bostock, M. P., was continued before Magistrate Macrae on Monday. Mr. Martin, having withdrawn from the case, Mr. Bostock appeared on his own behalf. The examination of Mr. Collart was continued, Mr. Cassidy asking him a number of questions regarding the shares held by the directors.

In answer to Mr. Bostock, Mr. Collart said that he, Mr. Bostock, had never dominated over the directors. When the alleged libel was published he was in Toronto.

This closed the case for the prosecution and Mr. Bostock addressed the court.

Mr. Bostock said: "I have no witnesses to call and I ask your Worship to dismiss this charge against me. The only ground on which the prosecution seeks to make me criminally liable is that I am a proprietor of a company called the Province, Limited Liability, which published the alleged libel. I am a shareholder and a director, but I am not the proprietor. Section 5 of the Companies Act of 1890 declares plainly that a company such as this is 'a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name,' and there can be no proprietor of what the statute has declared to have a distinct and separate existence.

"The evidence for the prosecution shows clearly that I did not know of or see the libel before its publication, and gave no instructions regarding its appearance. As a matter of fact at the time of the publication of the alleged libel I was over two thousand miles away, in Ontario, and only saw the copy of the paper containing it on the 23rd of December, after my return to my ranch at Ducks.

"I have no desire whatever to evade any responsibility for any of my actions, but I regard this prosecution as a transparent and malicious attempt to braid me as a criminal and prevent both the press and the legislature of this province from discussing a matter of the first importance to the people.

"Such a prosecution as this could not be begun in England without the order of a judge, and if it is the law in this country that shareholders, large or small, of companies, can be branded as criminals because of acts doing which they know nothing it is time the people realized their danger plainly, because I feel sure they do not now."

Judgment reserved.

Chinese Journalism.

Pekin's *Kin Pao* is the oldest newspaper in the world, having been published continuously for nearly a thousand years. It began as a monthly, became a weekly in 1361, and since the beginning of the century has been a daily. It now publishes three editions a day, and in order to prevent cheating by the vendors, prints them on paper of different colours, the first being yellow, the second white, and the last gray.

Country Can Pay the Piper.

According to popular report the new legislative buildings are to be opened with a grand ball. This was the one thing needful to fill the country's cup of happiness to overflowing. What British Columbia really wants to make it wholly happy is a mill. The development of the country can wait, waggon roads and railways can stand and the thousand and one things requiring to be gone on with can be delayed while the money that would aid in their construction is utilized in giving the people of the Coast an opportunity to chase the glowing hours with flying feet. If the men who pay the taxes are unable to be present, owing to the fact that they are required to toil on their farms and in their stores and mines, they can still have the pleasure of paying the piper. The Government is unselfish. It does not wish to deprive them of some share in the festivities.—Province.

Exports Via Kaslo.

The Kootenaian prints the total exports via Kaslo during the year 1897. They are as follows: Gross weight of ore, pounds, 73,536,330; containing of lead, pounds, 22,063,362; containing of silver, ounces, 2,701,670, of the value of $3,039,881. This is exclusive of the ore sent to Pilot Bay for concentration of which the value has not been ascertained, and consequently does not appear in the record. Following are the figures showing the exports for the year 1896. Gross weight of ore, pounds, 23,341,524; containing of lead, pounds, 10,786,291; containing of silver, ounces, 1,417,498; value, $1,110,116.

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 to some point at or near the north end of Kootenay Lake in the Kootenay District with branches; 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.

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The climate and soil of the district are all that could be desired by the rancher, gardener or fruit grower for whose products a profitable and rapidly increasing market exists; whilst to the sportsmen the neighborhood affords game in plenty.

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Time Table No. 6. To take effect July 3, 1897.
Daily Between Trail and Rossland.
No. 6 passenger leaves Rossland - - 7:30 a.m. Connects with steamer at Trail.
No. 3 passenger leaves Trail - - - 8:15 a.m. Connects with Red Mountain for Spokane.
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.
No. 1 passenger leaves Rossland - - 2:00 p.m. Connects with Red Mountain for Spokane.
No. 4 passenger leaves Trail - - - 5:15 p.m. Connects with steamer Lytton at Trail.
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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.

Kootenay Lodge No. 15 A.F. & A.M.

The regular meeting are held in the Masonic Temple, Bourne Hall, on the third Monday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

H. E. SMYTHE, Secretary.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

H. J. Bourne is at Victoria this week.

Nelson Oddfellows are about to build a brick block.

Ben Green, of Albert Canyon, was in town this week.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh passed through here Wednesday.

J. Mooney, formerly of Asheroft, is now operator at Bear Creek.

Thos. Hillier is going to open a business in Topping's building.

The power will be turned on at the electric light station next week.

John Houston has been re-elected mayor of Nelson by acclamation.

C. H. Temple is reported somewhat indisposed but is getting on nicely.

Miss Marshall says left yesterday for Regina after a stay of four months in town.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Golden Key Gold Mining Company, Limited (Liability).

And in the matter of the petition of [illegible] Director and Creditor.

And in the matter of the Winding-up Act and amendments thereto.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that [illegible] day of February, 1898, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, is appointed for the hearing of the petition of the above named [illegible] Director and Creditor, for the winding up of the above named Company under the Winding-up Act and amendments thereto, and that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake, Local Judge in Admiralty of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at the Court House, in the City of Vancouver, aforesaid.

And any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1898.

[illegible]
Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the matter of the Golden Key Gold Mining Company, Limited (Liability).

And in the matter of the Companies Act, 1897, and amendments thereto.

And in the matter of the Winding-up Act and amendments thereto.

THE CREDITORS of the above named Company are required, on or before the [illegible] day of February, 1898, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chambers of the Local Judge in Admiralty of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at the Court House, in Vancouver, aforesaid, on the [illegible] day of February, 1898, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at which time they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Monday, the 21st day of February, 1898, at half past eleven o'clock in the forenoon at the Court House, in the City of Vancouver, aforesaid, is appointed for the hearing of the said petition.

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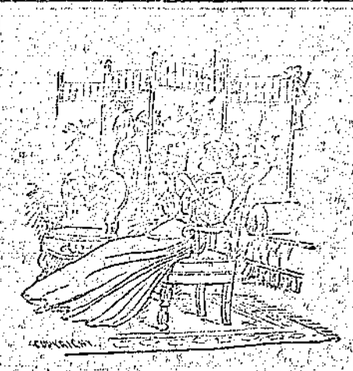
Liquidator.



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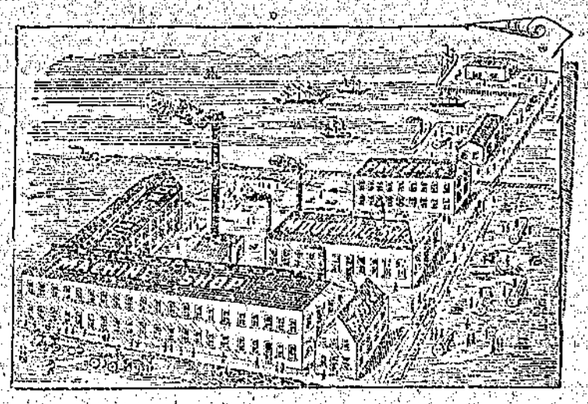

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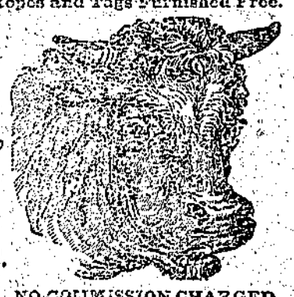

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