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## TRANSPORTATION

### SCHEME FOR BIG BEND—BOATS ABOVE THE CANYON.

Mr. Ebslöh returns from the Bend reporting prospects good—Has a plan for furnishing transportation—May organize a company.

Watching the return of Mr. E. G. Ebslöh, managing director of the London & B. C. Alliance Syndicate, from Big Bend where he had been to examine the properties of his company, the MAIL secured an interesting interview with him. In Groundhog Basin, where the properties in which this syndicate is interested are situated, Mr. Ebslöh reports things looking well.\* He has five men working on the C. O. D. and Ole Bull and they will probably continue all winter. The showing on these claims, which have been partly opened up, is very good indeed, and free gold is in many places visible to the naked eye. He thinks that decidedly the best showing in that camp is on these two claims. In French creek hydraulic works he was much interested and he speaks hopefully of the company operating them making a good cleanup. He also visited Barnes creek camp and thinks that its future is one of considerable promise. Altogether he was most agreeably pleased with what he saw but what interested him most in does all who look towards Big Bend development was the transportation problem. "I am going to look into this," he said, "and I may get up a company to go into the matter at an early date." Mr. Ebslöh's idea is to build steamers of light draught and good horse power for use above the canyon and co-operate with the local power company for transportation over the road to that point. The steamers would ply to the foot of Death Rapids and a central depot would be established at the mouth of Downie with hotels and store accommodation for the surrounding district. The same facilities would be put in at Barnes creek, and at the head of the canyon a good hotel would be the key to a good business and be patronized by visitors from town. From below Death Rapids a wagon road could be run and all the properties above that point be given an outlet to the river. Mr. Ebslöh has put it all down on paper and has been inquiring all about the items of cost particularly. That he may be successful in floating a company to take hold of this vital question will be the general wish of all interested in the development of Big Bend. Mr. Ebslöh has already found several companies that have interests in British Columbia. They are the British Columbia Town Properties Ltd., London & B. C. Alliance Syndicate Ltd., the Charlet Oak Copper Mines Ltd., and is about to float in London another one, the Canadian United Goldfields Ltd., already incorporated with a capital of \$250,000. This company undertakes the amalgamation of three separate companies that have for some time been operating in British Columbia and have acquired many substantial interests.

### A Labor Delegate.

The Rossland delegate, Mr. James Wilks, to the Trade and Labor Congress of Canada, which is to be held in Winnipeg on the 24th of this month, passed through Revelstoke Monday. In conversation with Mr. Wilks he told the MAIL reporter he thought it probable that a British Columbian man, Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P. P. would this year secure the presidency of the union and that a provincial union would be ordered for this province. Mr. Wilks is a typical modern union man, bright and intelligently read on economic matters relating to the great labor problem and yet showing the hardened hand of the toiler. Mr. Wilks was an active campaigner against the Turnites in the recent provincial election and for labor's sake he is proud of the results to which he contributed so much.

### Larneau-Duncan Country.

The Larneau-Duncan country is one of the richest mineral fields in Southern British Columbia, but its development has amounted to little or nothing, owing to the lack of transportation facilities. With the single exception of the Boundary Creek country it is the only important district in British Columbia south of the main line of the C. P. R. that is not traversed by a railway. But for this it would now be a scene of as great activity as exists to-day in the Trail, Sicamous, Nelson and Ainsworth divisions. But it seems that the patience of the miners of that section will be amply rewarded in the near future. The C. P. R. and the

Kootenay Railway & Navigation company, the latter a feeder of the Great Northern railway, are both preparing to build through the heart of the district. The former is surveying a line from the Arrow lakes to the head of Kootenay lake, while the other is locating a route from the foot of Harrison lake to the Upper Duncan river as far as Hail creek. It is almost a certainty that both roads will be built with as little delay as possible, and the exciting contest for the control of traffic in the Slocan will, in all probability be repeated in the adjoining district to the north. It will be the Nakusp & Slocan and the Kaslo & Slocan over again. Then the Larneau-Duncan country will have its Paynes, its Slocan Stars, its Noble Twins, its Whitewater and possibly its Le Rois, and from the mouth of the Larder river to Arrowhead will be a string of prosperous mining camps. The Miner's advice is, "Keep your eye on the Larneau-Duncan country." Rossland Mine.

### May Have an Exhibit.

The Spokane fair opens on October 1st, but as yet no move has been made for securing a mineral exhibit from this district. Realizing that the rich leads of Big Bend, Bleicklewaet and Larneau should not go unrepresented at this great exposition, Mr. J. D. Graham has authorized the MAIL to announce that he will accept all specimens sent him and he will guarantee their being placed on exhibition at Spokane free of expense to the sender. Mr. Graham will attend the fair and rather than see the district unrepresented will, at his own expense, place on exhibition all samples sent him.

This is an important matter and advantage should be taken of this offer. Label your samples and send them in to Mr. Graham at once.

### BIG REDUCTIONS.

#### Creditable Work of Postmaster-General Mulock in His Department.

Early in August the estimated financial results of the operation of the postmaster department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, were published and the showing was so favorable that the postmaster-general was congratulated upon all hands. The accounts at that time showed that the deficit had been reduced during the year from \$39,539 to \$7,033, but that statement did not nearly represent the measure of credit due Mr. Mulock for the introduction and practice of business methods in the administration of his department. The accounts have now been balanced and audited, and the precise figures are available. Instead of the deficit having been reduced from \$39,539 to \$7,033, as was estimated, it has been actually cut down to \$40,339, a reduction in one year of \$33,000. When Mr. Mulock took office on July 1st, 1890, the post-office department was conducted at an annual loss of \$781,152. In the first year of his administration he reduced the deficit to \$380,539, and now but \$10,339 of it remains, so that there has been a total reduction in less than two years of \$730,813. Speaking in parliament last session, Mr. Mulock stated that by January 1st, 1890, he expected to make the department self-sustaining, so that it would not cost the electors a single dollar. His critics refused to accept this announcement and sought to discredit it, saying that such a result was an impossibility. Practically, however, it has already been accomplished, and it appears certain that before the time limit claimed by the postmaster-general every penny of the deficit which has so long stood in the way of cheaper rates of postage will have disappeared. It should not be forgotten that the enormous saving effected by Mr. Mulock has been accompanied by an improvement in the mail service such as Canada has never before enjoyed.

The Ferguson-Trout Lake football club has challenged Revelstoke players for a game at Thomson's Landing on Saturday next, September 24th. Mr. Smythe (captain) is getting a team together and the challenge will probably be accepted.

The Rev. Field-Yolland, rector of St. Barnabas, New Westminster, has been offered living at Barkerville, Cariboo, and will probably leave for there about the middle of next month.

He has been advised by his doctor to seek a higher climate owing to the present state of his health.

Richard Craig, ex-mayor of Truro, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Craig arrived on No. 1 last night and were met here by their son Andy Craig of Thomson's Landing whom they will visit for a few weeks. Mr. Craig was very favorably impressed with the sights seen on his first trip through the west; he brought a sample of Nova Scotia gold-bearing quartz which he wishes to compare with samples of B. C. rock.

### THREE MORE VICTIMS CLAIMED BY THE COLUMBIA RIVER YESTERDAY.

Their boat was wrecked in the canyon—Four others had very narrow escapes—How the accident occurred—The dead.

In the fight between man and the turbulent waters of the Columbia River, the river scored another victory yesterday and today somewhere beneath the turbulent waters of the stream lie the remains of three men who but yesterday morning were full of youthful life and strength.

A party of eleven men, John Neilson in charge, left Revelstoke Thursday for up river with Tom Horn's boat, loaded with one and one-half tons of machinery and four and one-ton of supplies for the French Creek Company. It was remarked at the time of starting that the boat was very heavily loaded for the present stage of water, but everything went well until about 9 o'clock Friday morning when the outfit was within 250 feet of the upper end of the canyon when the appalling accident occurred.

They were enroute on the boat at that time Joseph Rolleston, Wm. Darley, Isaac Newman, Frank Saunders, John Neilson, Alf Palmer and John LaPointe. There were four men on the bank. The party were preparing to run the last rifle and were making the lines ready for the ascent when the bow of the boat ran up on a sloping rock. Doyle attempted to shove the boat away from the rock when it slipped off very suddenly and with a momentum entirely unexpected the bow taking a sheer outward. The bow line was slack, allowing the boat to do this, but the stern line being taut caused the boat to swing almost sideways to the current. The ropes held her in this position for an instant then the upper side dipped under and the boat sank instantly leaving seven men struggling for life in the angry waters of the canyon.

Three of the men succeeded in reaching the shore where they were helped out by some of the men on the bank. Others ran down the stream to the aid of the men still in the water, but only one, Saunders, could be saved. When the boat sank he had grasped an ear and holding fast to it the current finally thrust him near the shore where the ear was seized by Sam Bent and he was pulled out more dead than alive. By this time the other three men had disappeared. Doyle was clinging to the end of an oar but it would not sustain his weight and he was sucked down out of sight, the ear showing above water after he had sunk; nothing could be seen of Newman and Holston. Shortly after sinking the boat broke up and floated downstream.

When nothing more could be done the party made their way back to town by the west bank of the river, reaching here with the sad story about 1 o'clock. Soon after the story became known many townspeople made their way to the big eddy, where they expected to find much of the debris. Here they found part of the boat and sacks adrift and packages of provisions floating in the water. This part of the boat was secured and tied up, the other part was found later lodged a couple of miles above the eddy. Part of the supplies were fished out of the river at different points above town, but little damaged.

A curious fact in connection with the accident is that the pieces of the boat, show it to have been a clean break almost exactly across the centre of the boat, the edges of the two parts not being splintered in the least.

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Isaac Newman, a Swede, was but little known in Revelstoke, having come up from the Trout Lake district but a few days ago. Nothing more can be learned of him at this writing.

Search for the bodies will probably be instituted today, though there is but little hope for their recovery.

Mining operations in the Big Bend will probably be considerably hampered this winter through the loss of the boat as it will now be impossible to take up supplies in sufficient quantity. It was expected that the boat would make several trips this fall and the

pack trains will not be able to make more than three more trips this season.

### Be Your Own Lawyer.

An Ottawa dispatch to a coast paper states that the minister of justice was asked Thursday last if bar rooms would have to be closed on plebiscite day, when he replied that the question had not come before him, and he had not considered it. Each person would have to interpret the law for himself.

### Sued for Criminal Libel.

J. T. Robinson, managing editor of the Standard, Kamloops, has been summoned to appear before Judge Tinsford to answer to a charge of criminal libel preferred against him by Rev. J. W. Thompson.

The action is the outcome of an article copied in the Standard from an eastern paper in which it was alleged that Thompson was suspected of murdering his wife and stepson at Ipswich, Mass.

### A Splendid Opening.

The Nelson Tribune advises any conservative candidate with designs on Hewitt Bostock's constituency to take the stump at once as it will take an ordinary man from now till the next general federal election to cure it.

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### PHOENIX-LIKE

#### THE ROYAL CITY WILL RISE FROM THE ASHES

Of Sunday morning's fire—Though three hundred houses were destroyed rebuilding has commenced and business starts.

The new Westminster fire of last Saturday night was the most disastrous in the history of British Columbia. Over three hundred business houses and residences were burned and hundreds of people were left homeless and destitute.

An area of three-fourths of a mile along the water front and one-half mile back to Royal Avenue was leveled—only two residences being left standing.

The loss is now definitely known to be over \$3,500,000 with insurance covering about one-third of this amount. The twenty-five insurance companies doing business in the city were hit hard, the London Assurance company being the heaviest loser, about \$75,000.

At this writing the city is rapidly recovering from the shock of the fire and building operations have commenced on an immense scale. Many merchants have reopened for business in temporary wooden structures.

On all sides there is a determination to show the world that New Westminster is not doomed. In a very few months Columbia street will present as handsome and substantial an appearance as it did previous to the fire-fight work Sunday morning.

Sister cities in British Columbia and towns across the border have come to the aid of the stricken in a very handsome manner. Cash subscriptions have been secured amounting to nearly \$75,000 and many carloads of clothing and supplies have been donated by big-hearted sympathizers.

In a few hours Kamloops raised over \$1000 for the sufferers and Rossland contributed \$500.

### The Sunshine Limited.

The Sunshine Limited, the owner of the now famous Silver Gap mine in the Trout Lake district, has just received from the Bally Smelting & Lead Co. cheques for \$12,321.95 (freight, treatment and duty charges deducted) in respect of a shipment of 123 tons of Silver Gap ore to the smelter. A further shipment of 50 tons has just gone forward. This makes a total of something over 650 tons shipped during the last few months, all the ore being of the same high grade character.

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Messrs. Sheldah and White have been into Fish Creek this week.

Rails to Kootenay Lake by October on the Crow's Nest road.

\$35.00 will buy a first-class new sewing machine at R. Howson's.

Miss Violet Norther came up from Rossland on Tuesday to visit friends.

Work on the new opera house has been resumed and the frame is now going up rapidly.

J. Kerigan leaves on Monday with staff of men to erect buildings at the Waverley Mine.

The bridges east of here are being strengthened for the running of the big consolidated engines.

J. M. Kellie, member of parliament, returned from a Fish Creek trip on Monday and came home laden with samples.

Archdeacon McKay is back again at Donald from his Yukon trip, to the delight of his many friends.

There is comfort and neatness in those underthings and over shirts at Couriers'.

Rev. Mr. McQueen, of Edmonton, will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Yesterday was the first day of the Jewish New Year 5658. Monday next is the Day of Atonement.

All the latest in Sister shoes just unpacked at Couriers'.

Frank Lewis, who has been visiting friends in Revelstoke for the past two weeks, returned to Edmonton on this morning.

E. H. Thorne left for the coast on Thursday, and expected to pass through to-morrow en route for England.

Of the thousand and more voters whom Attorney-General Eberts claimed were waiting at Glenora to cast

their ballots in the last election, and on the strength of which he wished to give Cassiar one extra member, he was voted on polling day last month. Committee is useless.

For all the latest news, books of travel and adventure, go to G. F. Curtis, The Druggist, Taylor Black.

The sidewalk which was recently built in front of the C. P. R. hotel to Bourne Bros. is to be extended as far as McCarty Block.

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Why should men with whom politics is but business, surrender their business judgement to men with whom politics is business? The local legislature deals purely with business interests, the disposal and allocation of our revenues to the public good, the furtherance of our resources for increase of wealth, and all such matters particularly of interest to the pockets of the people. Why should men have to vote against their judgement on such matters of close personal interest to themselves because a professional politician somewhere from the east says you must, in the interest of the party. Why when the plain course for a British Columbian lies one way and that of the party another, should a man yield his plain course for a party one. These alternatives are all possible to the man who follows party lines into provincial politics, and he will often probably be called upon to vote under such circumstances against his opinion upon provincial affairs, to simply help his party into power, or give it a good excuse against the one that is in. Is the reason a sufficient one?

THERE is no reason in honor, said Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper, at Vancouver the other day, to honor and no reason in common sense why, if those gentlemen in the local house should have to appeal to their constituents again, they should not be made to toe the line and come under the colors where we can know them, whether they lie, Liberal or conservative.

That is to say that our member to be re-elected must toe a line chalked by Sir Charles Hilbert Tupper and his political friends, and disclaim himself of the same political faith with them before he can be accounted worthy by their standard to represent our business interests in what should primarily be a business assembly. There is no warrant for such lies in common sense, and the spirit prompting it is to our way of thinking more partisan than sensible, more selfish than reasonable. If we do not wish to see our legislature made into a hurskey for sucking politicians we will not ask our representatives to toe the mark of any one but that of the people's mutual welfare, nor ask them to choose other colors but the people's interests.

## That Convention

The Colonist denies that the recent conservative convention in Vancouver was the result of an effort of the Liberal clique recently disposed from power, or that its real meaning is that this same clique's hope is that it will be able to get conservative voters in line with the idea of regarding office. It accuses the Province of stirring up sectional feeling in making these

charges and at the same time help along the interests of the Hon. Joseph Martin in some mysterious way which nobody on earth outside of the Colonist office knows anything at all about.

If what the Colonist says is true, it is a most extraordinary thing that with one or two exceptions every member of the convention was a friend and supporter of the late Turner government and those who were most prominent in the proceedings live on the island. Is that merely an accident? Has it no significance whatever? Does any sane man suppose that the convention would have been called if the Turner clique had not been beaten? Can any sane man see in this movement anything but the desire of the Turner clique to get back to power?

It makes no difference whether Mr. Turner himself was active at this gathering or not. Possibly and probably it was considered desirable that he should keep in the background. But the Province is satisfied that it was to Mr. Turner as much as to any other man that this meeting was due. The Province knows as local conservatives know that Mr. Turner wanted to introduce party lines before the election. He made that proposal at a gathering of conservatives in the Hotel Vancouver and he stated his reason with unusual frankness as being that he wanted to get the support of the conservative workingmen of Vancouver. That is the whole thing. It is as plain as a pikestaff, without, without Mr. Turner's admission and his expression of regret after the election that he had not pressed his point.

The evidence in this matter is too clear and convincing to be misunderstood or overlooked. The Colonist may talk till doomsday, but it will never succeed in convincing thinking people that an attempt is not being made by Mr. Turner and his friends to use the liberal-conservatives in British Columbia as a catapult to pull the chestnuts out of the fire. For whom? For the liberal-conservatives or the little clique that has been dominant in British Columbia's politics for the last fifteen years and is now grasping at the head because it has been deposed from office. Well, if it is not for the little clique, why is the little clique at the head of the movement? Will somebody answer that?—Province.

## Labor's Rights And Wrongs

Two provincial cabinet ministers and a member of the Dominion parliament, the principal speakers at a Labor Day demonstration, would seem to indicate that the cause of the white labor in British Columbia is at last to take its proper place among the questions of the time. And not a day too soon. Most assuredly labor does not enjoy the privileges which it is entitled to in this province, to the true British Columbian patriot it is one of the saddest reflections that our glorious young province started its career under auspices little if any better than those which exist in the crowded centres of population in England to-day; that is under the iron hand of Toryism, landlordism and monopoly. Labor has not yet taken its unquestioned station among the great issues of our time in this province, but Monday's meeting at Nanaimo should put new vigor into the workers and lead them to perfect their organization. Labor must take its place, its recognized place, in the legislature of this province. It would be most interesting to hear what the organs which have been arrayed against labor all along, the Colonist for instance, have to say against a provincial legislature containing a sufficient number of labor members to hold the balance between government and opposition, or at least so strong as to be able to give proper guidance to secure the concessions to which it is entitled, but cannot get under existing conditions. Eng. Australia and New Zealand this is done, and later enjoys there a dignity, respectability and a security from tyranny and annoyances from monopolist nests and greedy schemers, that is practically unknown in any other part of the world. Our cabinet ministers did them a service by addressing the toilers last Monday, as intelligent men they must see the vast储藏着 of strength of labor, what training in the duties of citizenship and the code of high ideals among the working men and women must lead to. Day by day labor is learning these lessons. That union is strength that organization is, the weapon wherein rights are to be won, from monarch governments, that a strong labor party in the legislature is possible and that the sooner those things are accomplished the better for all workers and those who shall succeed them here as workers. No better than Saturday last in instance of the kind of oppression we have referred to was noticed at Wellington, where notices were posted threatening the miners that any man absent from duty on Monday, Labor Day by dominion Statute, would be discharged. British Columbia's white labor will have to endure insults like that until it takes its own case into its own hands and makes such arrangements impossible. No man and no corporation under the British flag should ever have it in his or its power to say to labor "If you attempt to exercise your vaunted freedom as Britons you will suffer my displeasure." It is to destroy that odious power in British Columbia that labor should unite and work with indomitable zeal.—Victoria Times.

THE DOMINION ACT APPLIES  
In Prohibition Plebiscite, and the Bars  
Must be Closed.

The question has been raised in various places whether or not bar rooms may be kept open on September 29th, the day on which the prohibition plebiscite is to be taken. It will be seen from the following, which is Sect. 6, Plebiscite Act, that the rules governing the Dominion elections have been adopted in this instance.

"For the purpose of submitting the question to the electors, obtaining an answer thereto, and ascertaining the result of the vote, the same proceedings, as nearly as may be, shall be had in a general Dominion election and the Northwest Territories Representation Act and their amendments, and the Franchise Act, 1889, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, and of any regulations, orders or instructions made or given by the government, apply mutatis mutandis to the conduct of such proceedings, and with respect to the powers to be exercised and the duties to be performed by, and the obligations, liabilities, qualifications, and disqualifications of, judges, officers, electors, and all other persons, and with respect to offences and the penalties which may be incurred."

Section 83 of the Dominion Elections Act says:

"No spirituous or fermented liquors or strong drink shall be sold or given at any hotel, tavern, shop or other place, within the limits of any polling district during the whole of the polling day, at any election for the house of commons, and every one who violates the provisions of this section

shall be liable for every such offense to a penalty of \$100 and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months in default of payment of such penalty."

The reading of these two sections would clearly indicate that bar rooms must be closed on September 29th. A number of fall fairs are set for that date and hotel keepers in different parts of the province are interested.

Another point has been raised as to whether or not voters who voted at the last, the last provincial elections would be entitled to vote in the coming plebiscite. They certainly are entitled to, unless, of course, they have removed to another electoral district. The same lists will be used as were used on the 9th of July last.

## Fatal Premature Blast.

Three men were killed one day last week by a premature blast on the Robson Boundary railway grade. The scene of the accident was seven miles below Brooklyn, on the contract of Vernon W. Smith, where four men had a sub-contract. They were John Kinear, Oscar Anderson, Tom Laneau, and Dan Ryan. The latter was the only one who escaped when the premature blast went off. Two blasts were being prepared, one of eight kegs and the other of twenty kegs. In loading the second, after twelve kegs had been put in, the hole became stopped. Laneau used an iron spoon to clear the opening and during the blast went off. Kinear, Laneau and Anderson were buried 700 feet down the mountain side, and died but a few minutes after striking. Ryan was thrown 15 feet and escaped without injury.

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## OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

A WEEKLY BUDGET OF POLITICAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Hon. G. E. Foster's "Business trip"—Repeating exploded charges makes an honest admission—Walsh's Winnipeg interview.

Hon. G. E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, has returned from his trip to the west. In the course of his peregrinations, he more than once assured those he met that his tour was entirely a business trip; but he found frequent opportunity for impromptu political meetings, which he took advantage of to place his views upon current politics before the electors. He appears to have gone over the old hackneyed ground of exploded charges against the government, ringing the changes with commendable impartiality upon the "extravagance" of the public expenditure, the "rotteness" of the Yukon Administration, the Crow's Nest Pass Railway and other "deals," and so forth. With so much material to his hand, but, though this does not appear to have troubled him, with precious little evidence to support his position, the valiant ex-minister did not find time to refer to the settlement of the Manitoba School Question or the negotiations of the preferential trade, the postmaster-general's imperialist postagility and the wiping out of the deficit in his department, the beginning of the prediction to reform transcontinental roads, and the Transvaal act, and leave a portion of his programme, and so forth.

—*See Present in.*

Upon his return to Ottawa Mr. Foster is reported to have said that he never saw the country in such splendid condition; the people are prosperous, and this is an honest admission for which he should receive credit! It added, however, that the public were fully alive to the villainies of the Conservative government, and were sympathetically waiting for the first opportunity to sweep it out of power. Mr. Foster is to be congratulated upon his optimistic disposition which must greatly assist him to bear up under the absolute failure of all his prophecies of blight and disaster. While finding such unmistakable indications of Conservative reaction throughout the west, it is certainly hard to understand why Mr. Foster did not notice accurately the trend of local politics in British Columbia, in view of the fact that they were occupying so large a share of public attention when he was at the coast. In an interview reported in the Mail and Empire and other Conservative papers on the 6th inst. Mr. Foster, in speaking of the trouble in Pacific politics, is alleged to have said, "What will be the outcome no one knows; probably in the end a rearrangement of parties on straight party lines." Three days before, the Conservatives of the Province in convention assembled, passed a resolution declaring that the party, as a party, would in the future take part in provincial elections. Really, Mr. Foster should keep better posted in current news if he wishes his prophecies of the future to carry weight.

## A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

The Mail and Empire correspondent in Winnipeg has interviewed Major Walsh respecting his experiences in the Klondyke. The major speaks of the probable output of the number of people in Dawson, of the mining prospects of the future of the most promising points to make for, and so on, but strange to say, he is not asked about the bolding operations of the government officials, of the incompetence and exactions of the postal clerks, of the shameful trafficking in mining claims, of the outrageous actions of the government in practically giving away what large tracts of the discontent, almost amounting to rebellion, in Dawson against official tyranny of his own August at the prevailing condition of things, and of 50 other things in which conservative papers have shown such interest during the past few weeks, and which is far more important than the Klondyke itself. Whether Major Walsh is ready to prove the writer's statement is hard to perceive.

OTTAWA, Sept. 10th.

## ST. PETER'S CONSECRATED.

By Bishop Dart—Very Interesting Ceremonies.

Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1888, was a red letter day in the history of the Anglican church in Revelstoke. On that day the members of St. Peter's church saw their building consecrated, and this is equivalent to announcing that the church is free from debt. The day began with a celebration of the holy communion at 8 o'clock, bishop of the diocese celebrating. Morning prayer was said at 10:30 by the vicar, and at 11 o'clock a large congregation had assembled. The bishop, having robed at the vicarage, walked to the church porch, preceded by the vicar carrying

the pastoral staff, and at the door was met by the church officers and others, and the following petition was read and presented to the bishop:

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN DART,  
LORD BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

We, the incumbent, church wardens, and other inhabitants of Revelstoke, having acquired the land \* \* \* on which there is a church which we certify to be free from any legal encumbrance, do humbly pray your lordship to separate the same from all profane uses, and to set it apart forever for the worship of Almighty God, according to the rites and discipline of the Church of England in Canada.

(SIGNED) FRANK A. FORD,

Incumbent,  
W. F. CRAIG,  
A. R. B. HEARN,  
Church Wardens.

G. E. GROGAN,  
P. CHAPMAN,  
C. J. AMAN,

Sidesmen:  
JAMES W. VAIL,  
Secretary.

The bishop having assented and offered prayer, the procession moved up the aisle, singing the 21st Psalm. This ended, the bishop consecrated the church according to the office in the American Prayer Book. The bishop, sitting in his chair, handed the following sentence of consecration to the vicar to read, and then during the singing of the hymn "O, Word of God Above," signed and sealed it:

"In the name of God. Amen."

Whereas, a church has been erected at Revelstoke, within our diocese, and jurisdiction, upon a piece of land described as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 55 in the town of Revelstoke, province of British Columbia; and whereas, the said building is now completed, and furnished with all requisites for the due performance of public worship, and is free from all legal liability for debt, and is now ready for consecration; and whereas, a deed has been presented to us by the incumbent and others praying that we would be pleased to consecrate the said building:

"Now, therefore, we John, by divine permission, bishop of New Westminster, do, by virtue of the authority ordinary, and episcopal, to us committed, consecrate the said building, and do set it apart from all profane and common uses, and do dedicate the same to Almighty God for the ministration of His holy word and sacraments, and for public worship according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, and no other, by the name of St. Peter."

"And do pronounce decree and declare that the said church shall remain so consecrated, set apart and dedicated forever by this our definite sentence and decree which we read and promulge by these presents."

"Witness our hand and seal this fourth day of September, in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of our consecration the fourth."

(Signed.)

JOHN NEW WESTMINSTER.

The order of the holy communion was then proceeded with, the clear celebrant, the bishop pronouncing the absolution and blessing. After the Nicene creed the bishop preached from the text: Rev. xxi:22: "And I saw no temple therein; for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." During the course of this masterly address, his lordship urged upon his hearers to follow the example set by those who erected such stately buildings as Westminster abbey, St. Paul's cathedral, and contribute all that was noble in science, art and material to the service of Almighty God, for it was His will as seen in the inspiration of workmen during the construction of the tabernacle and temple where He manifested His visible presence when the work was completed.

After the sermon hymn No. 228, part 2, was sung, and during the communion of the people, when a large number communicated, No. 322, the hymn during the absolution being "Amen, Sing to Jesus."

The church was handsomely decorated with flowers sent by the parishioners, as well as from Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster.

The gifts to the church include illuminated text over road screen from Mrs. White, Victoria; pulpit from Mr. W. F. Craig; people's warden and stone font, from the Sunday school children.

In the evening a large congregation again assembled to witness the administration of the apostolic rite of confirmation. The service began with a prescribed hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." After the third collects, the bishop gave an address to the candidates, and after the laying on of hands preached upon the lesson to be learned from the transfiguration, explaining the hope that in the course of time the church would act upon her right and restore this feast to its proper position, or one of the great festivals.

Thus passed off a day that will linger long in the memory of those privileged to be present.

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AHLIN-OERDNER.—At the Presbyterian church, Revelstoke, on Wednesday, Sept. 14th, 1898, by Rev. D. Menzies, Mr. John Frederick Ahlin to Miss Emma Louise Oberdner.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS**

John Skogstrom is in town today. New lot of Slatar shoes at Courier's. E. Jackson is away on a visit to Edmonton.

W. J. Lappan of Illecillewaet was in town Tuesday.

Also Cummins came up from Fernie yesterday.

Hugh McPherson of Trout Lake City was in town for a few days this week.

Courier is busy opening up new goods for next Thursday and Friday's opening.

J. Fred Ahlin passed through Thursday evening on his way to Nelson.

Miss Gladys Brown is now presiding at the stationery counter of G. E. Curtis' store.

George Latorne came down from Big Bend on Tuesday morning with his pack train.

About thirty miles of steel rails, for use on the Shuswap and Selkirk division of the C. P. R. is being unloaded here.

Read the clipping inside on the closing of bars on September 29th. The general idea seems to be that all bars must close.

It has been decided by the directors to hold the New Westminster fair just as planned, or as nearly so as possible, in spite of the fire.

Constable Ballock arrived Monday from a vacation trip to Calgary. He enjoyed his visit to old friends and scenes immensely.

All the newest in millinery, caps, mantles, furs and fancy goods will be on display at Courier's commencing on Thursday next.

Frame work construction on the new C. P. R. shop is being pushed. Mr. Wm. Blayce is in charge of the work and has a large force of men.

Keystone McIntosh and Harry Morris arrived Monday from Kootenay Mountain where they have been hard at work developing mineral properties.

A splendid pair of cabin logs was brought into town on Monday from the north fork of the Littlest west. It was secured by Messrs. Blackham and Green and took considerable packing to get it.

The sum of \$2,000,000.00, the purchase price of the entire interest in the Kootenay Gold Mine, was paid over by the Blackstock Canadian Gold Mine to the State Savings Bank of Revelstoke, Man., where the principal shareholders are.

The two Misses Morris, M. and S. McDonald, also two Misses Smith, Monday afternoon on a hunting trip to Nisich. They are on a short hunting trip but anything else than a long range of their guns provided a game will find great chances of being bagged.

Finest chocolates and bon-bons in boxes and jars. G. E. Curtis, The Druggist, Taylor Block.

J. M. Scott, engineer in charge of the French Creek Hydraulic Company's work, came down from the project yesterday and reports work progressing favorably; water is still turned on and washing will be continued as long as possible.

Arrangements have been made for the appearance of the Prairie City Quartette at Revelstoke. This quartette is a very highly recommended and a good house is expected for it. It will give its concert on the night of October 12th.

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