The Miner.

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YUKON LIQUOR LICENSES

In Reference to Belyea's Statements

MAJ. WALSH EXPLAINS

He Warned the Northwest Terrotories Representative Not to Issue Licenses at Dawson.

Montreal, Sept. 20.—The Herald this morning publishes an interview with Major Walsh, who is at Brockville, in reference to the statements in Belyea's report presented to the North West legislature on Saturday night. The Major says he met Belyea at Lake Bennet on his second trip to Dawson. Belyea, he said, was going to issue licenses when he arrived at Dawson under the territorial act. Walsh urged him not to do so and gave as his reason that parliament had under consideration a bill which would seperate the Yukon from the territories, and that when this bill passed the policy in reference to liquor could be formulated. Belyea went to Dawson first and when Walsh arrived he was surprised to find that he had issued licenses to the extent of $32,000. Meantime legislation passed at Ottawa seperating the Yukon district from the territories. Naturally the major took prompt action to remedy the existing state of affairs.

Major Walsh says that these are the straight facts of the case and is prepared to stand by his action. He was pained by Belyea's actiion in view of the fact that they were old acquaintances.

GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

Boston, Sept. 20.—The session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., opened with a full attendance of delegates. After considerable routine business had been transacted, the balance of the session was devoted to the election of officers. Hon. Alfred C. Pinkerton, of Wocorcester, Mass., was unanimously elected grand sire of the order. Four candidates were placed in nomination for deputy grand sire, A. C. Cable, of Ohio; A. J. Otis Humphrey, of Illinois, John L. Norton, of Tennessee, and W. G. Nye, of Minnesota. Cable received 98 votes and was elected. J. Frank Grant, of Baltimore, was re-elected grand secretary and Mr. Richard Muckle, of Philadelphia, grand treasurer. The convention adjourned, after voting to hold the next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Detroit in September, 1899.

NEARING HIS END.

Dedham, Mass., Sept. 20.—The ravages of disease are gradually sapping the life of former Ambassador Bayard, and he continually loses ground, although his wonderful constitution makes a strong resistance. He passed a restless night, and today will be considerably worse than at any time during his sickness. The end is looked for in the course of a few days, although he will probably have a number of rallies.

THE BAIT QUESTION.

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 20.—Premier Winter started last night to rejoin the Quebec conference. The commercial interests of the colony urges him to retain complete control of the bait supply, unless the Americans make general concessions in the shape of the free admission of our fish to United States markets.

FATHER AGAINST DAUGHTER.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—The long continued legal fight between E. B. Eddy, milionaire manufacturer, of Hull, against his daughter, Mrs. Bessey, to recover property inherited by the latter under her mother's will, will be resumed at the October term of the supreme court. Eddy appealed from the decision of the Queen's bench of Quebec, to the Privy council, while Mrs. Bessey took an appeal to the supreme court and the case is set down for hearing. Effort are being made to have the supreme court cases deferred until the Privy council decision is given.

THE STICKINE ROUTE.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—Louis Coste, chief engineer of the department of public works returned from the Yukon today. He made an inspection of the Stickine route and has reported as to its practicability. The first detachment of the Yukon military force, he says, has reached Fort Selkirk safely, but the detachment is stranded on Hootalinqua river, owing to the destruction of the boat plying between the head of Teslin lake and Fort Selkirk. Owing to lack of transportation facilities, this may delay the progress of half of the force for a month.

TO BE BURIED IN NEW YORK.

Belfast, Sept. 20.—The body of Dr. John Hall, of New York who died in this city, will be removed to Balfour tomorrow, where it will be embalmed. It will then be shipped to Liverpool, where it will be put on board a steamer sailing September 24 for New York. The burial will take place in the Woodlawn cemetery. The body being placed beside Dr. Hall's son.

SPEAKS WELL OF THE YUKON.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—William Stewart, Ottawa, who has the contract for erecting the bank of commerce building, at Dawson, has returned. He speaks highly of the Yukon, and says that country will afford a good living for able bodied men willing to go in and work.

VICTORIA SCANDALS.

Meeting of the Royal Commission to Look Into Payments Made to Contractors for the Parliament Buildings.

Victoria, Sept. 20.—The Royal commission appointed to inquire into the payment for extras on the parliament buildings contract, made to the legal representatives of the late Fred Adams and of Richard Drake met today, Chief Justice McColl being the commissioner. Mr. A. L. Belyea, who stated that he appeared for the crown, asked for an adjournment until Monday in order that he might get further inquiry into the details. This was granted.

ASTRONOMICAL DISCOVERY.

Boston, Sept. 20.—A cable message from Dr. Kranz, of the European Union of Astronomers, to Mesrs, Chandle and Ritchie of Boston, announces the discovery of a star like constellation in the centre of the nebulae of Andromeda, by Seraphkin of Pulkowa. If this indicates a change in the condition of the well known object the discovery will be of importance.

THE SIVLER MARKET.

New York, Sept. 20.—Bar silver, 61; Mexican dollars, 47⅜.

Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $12; exchange, $12.25 to $12.32½.

Lead, quiet and steady; Domestic, $3.85; exchange, $4 to $4.05.

Tin, quiet; Straits, $16.12½ to $16.25; plates, steady.

A STRANGE PROCEEDING.

Pekin, Sept. 20.—The diplomatic representatives of Russia, France, Belgium, Spain and Holland have called upon Li Hung Chang, to condole with him upon his dismissal from the Chinese foreign office. Much comment has been excited by the action of those ministers.

GOING TO DAWSON.

Victoria, Sept. 20.—Dr. Geo. H. Duncan left today for Dawson City, where he proposes to practice his profession.

THE FASHODA INCIDENT

Conflicting Reports Come From Paris

WHERE IS MARCHAND?

No Information That the Major and His French Force are at Fashoda or Have Been There Recently.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The report is published here, but not officially confirmed, that Major Marchand has been ordered to retire from Fashoda, leaving the place in possession of the Anglo-Egyptain forces. Le Matin discredits the report, declaring that there is no reason why such a course should be taken. On the other hand, a telegram received from a French source in Cairo, says there is no information there confirming Major Marchand's occupation of Fashoda. The French papers say the minister of foreign affairs has received no news confirming the report of the presence of Major Marchand in Fashoda. The rumors circulated by the English press regarding alleged instructions sent to Marchand are therefore false.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

The Fickle French are Now Strongly in Favor of Revision.

New York, Sept. 20.—A despatch to the World from Paris says: Paris is quiet outwardly. There seems to be a sense of relief because a revision has virtually been determined on. But there is a great commotion among the chiefs of the army. They undoubtedly have the disposition if not the courage, to try to prevent a revision at the eleventh hour by a militry coup d'etat. M. Cavaignac, who resigned lately as minister of war and has cast his lot unreservedly with the army, is pointed out as a possible dictator, but the public sentiment will be a most effective bar against such designs. It has veered around completely in favor of revision and justice, which everywhere is recognized now except by a couple of anti-Dreyfus organs.

Esterhazy's promised confession is awaited with the keenest curiosity, though no one will believe a word he says unless he is supported by independent testimony.

Jules Perries, a leading member of the French bar, comments upon the present legal status of the Dreyfus case as follows: "Judically, the ministerial decision to refer the case to an examining committee of three decides nothing in the light of recent events. The committee's findings will determine whether there shall be a revision or not. The decision is only important particularly in that it reveals and approves the sentiment of the coun in favor of a revision."

LEAGUE BALL GAMES.

Sept. 20.—At Boston—Boston 2, Louisville 4.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 0, Pittsburg 15.

At New York—Called on account of darkness—New York 7, St. Louis 7.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 7.

At Washington—Washington 2, Chicago 3.

At Baltimore—Called on account of darkness—Baltimore 6, Cleveland 5.

SIXTEEN LIVES LOST.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 20.—Eight men were cremated and eight more fatally burned in the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo. The spontaneous combustion of dust in a grain elevator owned by Paddock, Hodge & Co., caused terrible loss of life and none of those taken out after the fire were far enough from death's door to tell any of the details.

ON A SECRET MISSION.

London, Sept. 20.—A despatch to the Central News from Candia says that Col. Chermside, British military attache at Constantinople, and formerly the commander of the city garrison, who arrived there a few days ago, on board the British gunboat Halcyon, is continuing inquiries into the situation there secretly.

FOR GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Sept. 20.—Governor Pringree's unanimous renomination tomorrow by the republicans is conceded to be a certainty by the crowds of delegates, party leaders, and candidates gathered in the hotels tonight. It is freely admitted by the conservatives of the party that the governor's strength with the people will compel the support of republicans, including those who do not approve of all the governor's acts.

INDIAN CLAIMS CASE.

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—Among appeals inscribed for hearing at the Supreme court sitting, October 4, is that of Quebec against the award of the arbitrators appointed to adjudicate between the province and the Dominion in regard to Indian claims.

THE EMPEROR AND HIS GUN.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—In the course of the emperor's first day's shooting at Hubertastock, his majesty brought down 10 splendid stags, seven with 14 tines.

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY.

Toronto, Sept. 20.—The ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen concluded their biennial session today, after deciding to recommend to the convention DesMoines for the meeting place in 1899.

NEW ZEALAND'S OFFER.

Inventive Minds Have an Opportunity to Win £2000.

New York, Sept. 20.—John Holmes, a commissioner from New Zealand, is in the city for the purpose of inducing Americans to compete for a prize of £2000 offered by his government for the best process, mechanical or chemical, of treating the native fibre, New Zealand hemp, known as phornium tensax. Mr. Holmes paid a visit to Mayor Van Wyck. The mayor expressed his appreciation of the necessity of establishing closer trade relations with New Zealand. After a visit to Washington Mr. Holmes will return home via Vancouver, visiting some of the chief American cities en route.

BISMARCK'S ESTATE.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—The National Zeitung asserts upon the highest authority that the personal estate of Prince Bismark does not represent as much as 2,500,000 marks, about $500,000.

FEVER AT SANTIAGO.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Nearly 1200 of the American troops at Santiago are on the sick list, and General Lawton reports 85 new cases of fever today and seven deaths.

M'COY AND CORBETT.

The Betting Ring at Roby Will be the Battle Ground of the Heavy-Weight Gladiators.

Laporte, Ind., Sept. 20.—Roby, which in past years was the scene of many pugilistic battles, may be made the arena for the fight between Corbett and McCoy. Private advices from Roby give the details of the proposed meeting. Architects have been at work for several days on plans for the conversion of the betting ring at Roby into a fighting arena with a seating capacity of 10,000.

The arrangement of the details of the meeting of the gladiators is in the hands of Stewart, Considine and John Cougden, of race track fame, and a secret meeting held at Mount Clemens, Mich., resulted in Roby being selected as the battle ground of the heavy-weight pugilists. It is the evident purpose to keep both McCoy and Corbett in training without giving the exact location of the fight, and the advices revealing the arrangements in progress of consummation have caused a great sensation in sporting circles.

BRYAN TO LEAVE THE ARMY.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 20.—Col. William Jennings Bryan, of the third Nebraska volunteers, will shortly resign his commission in the United States army and resume the discussion of the public qusetions. This statement is not made upon the authority of Col. Bryan, however. When asked if the rumor was true he said: "You might say that I am not so enamored of camp life that I would, at the close of the war, apply for a commission in the regular army."

THE WILY TURK.

London, Sept. 20.—The Times Candia correspondent says the Mussulmans are only yielding up obsolete arms and have not brought in any Martini rifles.

A CHALLENGE.

The baseball players of Nelson hereby challenge the team that played last Sunday at Rossland, to a friendly game on the recreation grounds next Sunday afternoon.

NOTES OF NEW DENVER

The Oldest Town on Slocan Lake.

BEAUTIFULLY LOCATED

A Desirable Place of Residence—Well Equipped Hospital—General Mining News.

New Denver, Sept. 20.—The town of New Denver, the oldest on Slocan lake, is beautifully situated about eight miles from the head of the lake. Its location and the fact that here are located the government offices for the Slocan mining division, banking and other commercial institutions makes it a commercial centre for the district and a desirable place of residence. The townsite is comparatively level, and the work of street making is very easy. The founders of the town however, made the mistake of denuding it of trees and instead of, as in the other towns along the lake, there being an abundance of shade trees, nothing is left but the bare and charred stumps. The town, however, contains a large number of fine residences and the citizens have the fullest confidence that it will in time become the favorite place of residence for the mining operators not only in the immediate vicinity but those of the Sandon district. The town is at present well supplied with hotels, business houses, churches, school and has one of the best hospitals in the Kootenay district. On a recent visit the representative of The Miner, was through the kindness of Dr. Brouse, the medical superintendent, shown through the institution, and found everything in first class order. The hospital has accommodation for 35 patients, but at the time of the visit only contained six which is an evidence of the healthfulness of the Slocan district, and of these six, three were suffering from injuries and had undergone surgical operations. The hospital is certainly a boon to the miners working in the district, who are assured that should they meet with sickness or accident they will be well cared for and as a result it is liberally supported by the mine owners and miners of the Slocan. The total number of patients treated during the past 12 months was 807 and nearly all were regular subscribers through the mine pay rolls or the fortunate holders of annual hospital tickets. There have been no deaths in the hospital since the opening of the new building in August 1897.

The plans and specifications for a new opera house to be erected in New Denver by Mr. J. C. Harris, who recently sold the Bosun mine to an English syndicate, have been prepared. The lumber for the construction is on the ground and work on the building will be started this week. The building will be 70x300 feet and will have a seating capacity of 300. Mr. Harris is also contemplating putting in a waterworks system to supply the city, the water to be brought from a stream a couple of miles distant.

Of the mines in the vicinity the best known is the Molly Hughes, which was at one time a regular shipper. It was recently bonded to the North West Mining company, limited, of London, England, represented by Mr. Sandiford of New Denver. Considerable development work was done under the bond, the time for the taking up of which expires on the 29th instant. The syndicate have asked for an extension of time, and pending an agreement, work has been suspended. The California mine a couple of miles from New Denver, owned principally by A. J. Marks and P. Burns of Nelson is showing up well under development. Eight men are employed and last week 300 sacks of high grade ore were shippd to Aurora, Ill., and a similar shipment will be made about the end of the month.

Oher properties in the vicinty are showing up well and prospects are that a considerable quantity of high grade ore will be shipped from this point during the winter.

Although like the other towns along Slocan lake, business in New Denver is quiet at present, the people are hopeful that with the rise in the price of silver and the further development of the mineral resources cof the country, there will be a return of the good times of two years ago.

LAVIGNE AND ERNE.

New York, Sept. 20.—At a conference held this afternon, it was decided to change the date of the Lavigne-Erne fight before the Greater New York A. C. to Wednesday, September 28.

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SUNDAY LABOR.

In substantiation of our reference yesterday to Sunday labor, word comes from Winnipeg that the Labor congress in session there has taken the matter up through a resolution from the delegate from Rossland, Mr. James Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Flett, of Hamilton, he moved as follows:

That, whereas the supply of labor in most localities is fully up to the demand and in many communities considerably exceeds it; and in the opinion of this congress there is positively no necessity for seven days' work per week in this or any other country, and, whereas the seven days' work per week system obtains and prevails in the metalliferous mining industry of British Columbia in direct antagonism to the expressed sentiment and wishes of organized labor in the localities most affected; therefore, be it resolved, that this congress instruct the executive committee of the aforesaid province to urge upon the legislative thereof the advisibility of adopting such legislation as will speedily and effectualy secure to the operatives of the mining industry in British Columbia, the benefits of one day's rest in seven.

The resolution was objected to on the grounds that legislation was not necessary in a matter which men could settle themselves. It is true that workingmen could settle the question themselves, but the law could settle it much easier and with no difficulty whatever. So long as Sunday labor is permitted men will have to do it whether they like it or not. Work is a necessity with them and if refusing to work upon Sunday would jeopard their employment through the week they could not be expected to make a stand against it. We are satisfied that if the mine owners were consulted they could devise a way of suspending Sunday operations without any loss to themselves and at the same time permit their employes to have the full enjoyment of the day of rest, which should be indisputably theirs.

NO SACRIFICES.

Word comes from Washington that there are 15 points of difference between the United States and the Canadian commisioners at the Quebec conference and that President McKinley is extremely anxious that they should be speedily settled and a satisfactory agreement between the two countries arrived at. It is hoped that it may be so, but Canada will not be likely to make any sacrifices to please the United States. There has been a great deal of gush in English papers and by public men about an alliance with the States, but no such alliance will take place at the present time unless Americans see in it some advantage to themselves. Englishmen profess to find in the United States feelings of sympathy and fellowship with the old land. We in Canada know that there is little basis for this belief. Canadians would have detected it long ago did it exist. Among the upper official class there may be the kindliest relations, but with the great mass of the people, in whom self-glorification is the chief characteristic, friendship for Great Britain or any other country unless it be for Russia, is very lightly esteemed, if it be thought of at all. Canada has experinced nothing but unfriendliness from the States, an unfriendliness not without its uses, however, for it has served, as nothing else could, to draw us nearer to the mother land. This has been somewhat disappointing to the United States, who thought that the restrictions it put upon Canadians at the frontier would have resulted in a desire for annexation with the republic.

Of course Canada wants the trade and good will of the United States, but as we said before, she is not likely to make any sacrifices to secure either. The progress of Canada is in no way dependent on the good or bad will of the United States. Canadians know the value of what they possess and are fully alive to the favored position they occupy on this continent and their government being a responsible one, they would suffer no relinquishment of any advantages they enjoy to placate any people, no matter what may be their attitude.

Alliance of the Anglo-Saxon race will undoubtedly come, and it will be the Americans who will seek it. At present they regard themselves as being courted and consequently perverseness may be looked for.

The Miner has long contended that Kootenay, the most important district in British Columbia, should have a resident judge that the administration of justice may be expedited and the legal profession spared much trouble and expense, which ultimately falls upon the client. There are many districts in the east not a quarter as large or one-tenth so important that receive much more attention in this respect than Kootenay has received, and it behooves the member for the constituency in the Dominion house to make such representation to the government as may induce action in accordance with the wishes of the public.

Very trying are the troubles of the great. A few months ago Aguinaldo was a free and rebellious child of the jungle, where yams, bread fruit, cocoanuts and bananas grow freely for the uses of indolent man, and every one gave him a wide berth on account of his killing ways. Now, when he has achieved greatness he has to go around with a body guard and lives in daily dread of poison in the soup. So it would be difficult to choose between the position of a successful insurgent chief and the Czar of Russia's risky job.

Vancouver having elected two ministers by acclamation it is now in order for Nelson district to follow suit by confirming Mr. J. Fred Hume in his seat, so that good government in this province may go successfully along, as it is bound to do.

Sir Charles Tupper predicts a sweeping victory for the conservatives in the next election. What was it Sir Charles predicted previous to the last Dominion election? Wasn't it something that didn't occur?

Col. Baker has reached Winnipeg on his way to England and the way is too long and too wet for a commission of enquiry to catch him when he gets there.

The British will go to Fashoda and say to Major Marchand, "March" and that will settle it. The French on the Nile question will be ended.

A surplus of upwards of a million and a half is quite sufficient to establish Mr. Fielding's reputation as a finance minister.

The Khalifa is running yet, but like a clock will run down and stop suddenly one of these days.

RUN DOWN BY A FREIGHT.

Word comes from Vancouver of a bad accident on the Mission branch of the C. P. R., a few days ago. Three hand cars with 18 men started out on the line and when about four miles out waited at a bridge for the freight coming from Huntingdon. Not hearing the whistle they preoceeded and all three hand cars were crashed into and completely demolished by the freight engine which had approached silently in the fog. Most of the men jumped and escaped. On the second handcar a man named Furnell, was fatally injured and death is expected hourly. T. Paulano, on the third car, was almost instantly killed. Paulano lived at Mission Junction and Furnell has relatives residing on Oppenheimr street.

FROM EAST KOOTENAY.

James A. Harvey, barrister of Fort Steele, who is in the city for the purpose of defending Phillipps, charged with murder at Elko, came across from Fort Steele along the line of construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. Mr. Harvey reports that last Sunday the rails were laid to the summit about half way between Goat river and Moyie and that the steel will be laid to the landing on Kootenay lake about the end of the week. He reports mining operations in East Kootenay as being brisk and that the advent of the railway has given a great impetus to mining and other industries. Fort Steele is making satisfactory progress and will remain as in the past, the commercial centre of East Kootenay.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH—Mass at Nelson every Sunday at 8 and 10.30 a.m.; Benediction at 7.30 to 8 p.m. Rev. Father Ferland, Priest.

BAPTIST CHURCH — Services morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.; Meetings are held in the school house. Strangers cordially welcomed. Rev. J. R. Welch, Pastor.

SALVATION ARMY—Services every evening at 8 o'clock in barracks on Victoria street. Adjutant Millner in charge.

LODGE MEETINGS.

NELSON LODGE, No. 23. A. F. & A. M. meets second Wednesday in each month. Visiting brethren invited.
G. L. LENNOX, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Kootenay Lodge No. 16, meets every Monday night, at their Hall, Kootenay street. Sojourning Odd Fellows cordially invited.
A. H. Clements, N. G. Fred J Squires, Sec.y

NELSON LODGE No. 25, K. of P., meets in Castle hall, McDonald block every second and fourth Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. All visiting knights cordially invited,
R. G. JOY, C. C.
(829) GEO. ROSS K. of R. and S.

NELSON LODGE, I. O. G. T. Meets in Castle Hall, McDonald Block, every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Templars cordially invited,
JOHN TELFORD, Chief Templar.
J. F. Jacobson Sec'y

S.O.E. NELSONS QUEEN NO. 241 SONS OF ENGLAND, meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month at K. of P. Hall, MacDonald Block, cor. Vernon and Josephine streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. ERNEST KING, Worthy President
CHAS. H. FARROW, Secretary.

COURT KOOTENAY, I.O.F., NO. 3138 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday in each month in the K of P Hall. F W Swanell, C. D. S. C. R.; J R Green, C.R.: J. Furkiss, Secy.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 10 A.O.U.W., meet every Thursday in the I.O.O.F. hall. G C Williams, M.W.; W S Smith, Rec.-Sec.; J. J. Driscoll, Financier F. J Squire. Receiver and P. M. W.

NELSON L.O.L. No. 1692 meets in the McDonald block every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members cordially invited. John Toye W.M.; F. J. Bradley, R.S.

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS

EVENTS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND NELSON.

Brief Mention of Happenings in the District During the Past Few Days.

J. E Jackson of Spokane is in the city.

Fred Irvine returned yesterday from Rossland.

A. J. Walters of Spokane, is on a visit to Nelson.

J. E. Annable spent a couple of days in Rossland this week.

H. R. Cameron has returned from a business visit to Rossland.

Mrs. Daniel Wilson left yesterday evening on a visit to England.

Mrs. Nickells left yesterday evening for a visit to Innisfail, Alberta.

Joseph Tasse, manufacturer of the well known Bahama cigar, is in the city.

Work is progressing on the addition to the Nelson public school, which is expected to be shortly ready for use.

James W. Moffat, of Moffat and Church, has recently started development work on the Bartlett group on Four Mile creek near Silverton.

The Northport smelter "blew in" yesterday. About 400 tons of ore are now being received daily and there are now about 3000 tons of roasted ore on hand.

F. M. Chadbourn left yesterday for Windermere, East Kootenay, where he has several men at work on the Matterhorn group. He will be absent about three weeks.

The nomination of candidates for the provincial bye-election in the Nelson electoral district will be held today. It is not likely that Hon. J. Fred Hume will be opposed.

R. B. Wood who recently returned from Dawson City, where he was representing the London and B. C. Goldfields company, leaves this morning for the old country.

Attention is drawn to the advertisement of the Nelson Furniture Co., who have opened out in business in the Applewhaite block at the corner of Baker and Kootenay streets.

A recent arrival in town reports that yesterday the steel on the Crow's Nest Pass railway was laid to within three miles of Goat river crossing. There is a large crew of men at work.

The steamer from Victoria was delayed for an hour yesterday through fogs. The result being that last night's train, which connects with the steamer at Vancouver, was correspondingly late.

A literary entertainment was given last night in the Methodist church under the auspices of the Epworth league at which an excellent programme of music, readings, etc., was given.

A birthday social will be held in the Methodist church this evening. No admission will be charged, but each person attending is expected to contribute one cent for every year he or she is old.

Did you see that "Carload" of Window Shades, etc., at the New Furniture Store, corner of Baker and Kootenay streets? See them! They are fine! The Nelson Furniture Co. *

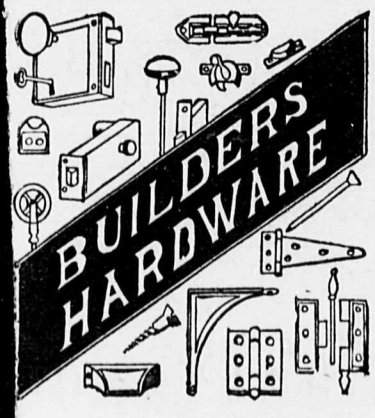
Among those registered at the Hume are D. W. Wood, Trail; G. W. C. Rowan, S. Omaha; Mrs. Coleman Stucket, Lindsay, Ont.: H. Roy, Rossland; J. B. Gossely, Stanbridge, and H. Krack, Walla Walla.

The majority stockholders of the Le Roi mine have filed notice that they will appeal from the recent decision of Mr. Justice Irving, dismissing W. A Carlyle from the receivership. The appeal will come up for hearing at Victoria on October 5.

Among those registered at the Phair are A. B. Fraser, Silverton; Mrs. and Miss MacWilliam, Spokane; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brophy, and Miss Hearn, Ottawa; J. R. Wray, Vancouver: Mr., Mrs. and Miss Ferrier, Montreal; W. G. Blackstock and G. E. Gooderham of Toronto.

A circular has been issued by the Dominion Express Company to their agents, stating that on account of the recent destructive fire in New Westminster, parcels of money, clothing or supplies, for the relief of fire sufferers, consigned to the relief committee, New Westminster, will be carried free.

Mrs. Wm. Hodson and family left yesterday evening for New Westminster to be present at an operation to be performed on Mr. Hodson, which it is hoped will prove beneficial to him. Mrs. Hodson desires to thank the friends of her husband for their many kindnesses to him during his illness and also to herself and family since Mr. Hodson was taken to New Westminster.



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NELSON COPPER FIELDS.

The Nelson Copper Fields are vigorously prosecuting development work on three claims, the Great Boulder, Last Chance and the Huron. A rumor was current in the city this week that the company intended to close down their operations in a couple of weeks, but this Mr. Wilson, the manager, says is entirely unfounded. The company have not the slightest intention of suspending operations either now or at any time in the future. Their properties never looked better and they have the fullest confidence that they will develop into good mines.

The company have opened up two fresh properties, the Belle Canadian and the Empire, one quarter of a mile from Ymir, which they bonded three weeks ago from Mr. Collins. The contract for a 50 foot shaft has been let and development work has uncovered two feet of good ore.

THE HUB AND HUB RACE.

The last issue of the Rossland Miner contains an account nearly a column long of the race for the wet test which Rossland won, and a few lines recording the victory of Nelson in the hub and hub race.

In those few lines it stated that Nelson by "a final spurt" barely beat Rossland. This is incorrect. Nelson, who only ran seven men, led all the way, finishing about 10 feet ahead of Kaslo, in 18 seconds, thus establishing a record and winning the prize of $150 and the championship of Kootenay.

Rossland, instead of being second, as stated in the paragraph referred to, came in third and last, finishing about five feet behind Kaslo.

T. W. GRAY'S ASSIGNMENT.

A largely attended informal meeting of creditors in the assigned estate of T. W. Gray was held yesterday at the Hume hotel. Mr. W. B. Honeyman was in the chair. The principal subjects of discussion were, first, the assignment having been made without any consultation with creditors, secondly, as to the expediency of the appointment of Mr. T. M. Ward as assignee. A motion disapproving of Mr. Ward's appointment was carried by a very large majority in value of the creditors.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to "Creditors Deeds Act" and Amending Acts.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas W. Gray, of Nelson, British Columbia, mill owner, has, by deed bearing date the 16th day of September, A. D. 1898, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estate, to Thomas Martindale Ward, of the said city of Nelson, agent, in trust, for the purpose of paying ratably and proportionately and without preference or priority, the creditors of the said Thomas W. Gray, their just debts.

The said deed was executed by the said Thomas W. Gray, the assignor, and the said Thomas Martindale Ward, the trustee, on the 16th day of September, A. D. 1898, and the said trustee has undertaken the trusts created by the said deed.

All persons having claims against the said Thomas W. Gray are required, on or before the 6th day of October, A. D. 1898, to deliver to the said trustee full particulars of the same, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, together with the particulars of the security, if any, held by them, and all persons indebted to the said Thomas W. Gray, are required to pay the amounts due by them to the said trustee forthwith.

And notice is hereby given that after the said 6th day of October, A. D. 1898, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

A meeting of the creditors of the said Thomas W. Gray will be held at the office of Ward Bros., on Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Thursday, the 6th day of October, A. D. 1898, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

ELLIOT & LENNIE,
Solicitors for the Trustee.

Dated at Nelson, B.C., this 16th day of September, A. D. 1898.

NEW LOCATIONS.

Nelson.

Sept. 14.—

St. John—Samuel Marshall, and John Desireau, on Granite mt opposite town of Nelson, adj Good Hope, 1500 ft n of powder magazine.

Sept. 15.—

Brant—G. W. MacDonald, bet the forks of Clearwater cks, about 5 mi e of N. & F. S. railway.

Iron Band—J. M. Hickey on Blend mt near Rover ck, formerly Czar.

Aberdeen—J. D. Tinkiss and W. S. Ault, on w si of and 3 mi up 6 mi ck from w arm of Kootenay lake.

Sept. 16.—

New York—E. Cole, J. J. Mullen and J. J. Roets on the n fork of Barrett ck about 1¼ mi from Porto Rico.

Sanda Rosa—Gilbert Peone and Jacob Stierle, on n side of and 6 mi up Hidden ck 1 mi s w of Bighorn group.

O. K.—Louis Ottoson, n side of Hall creek, 1 mi w from Hall Siding, for merly Queen Kate.

Sept. 17.—

Star—Joseph Rush, Antonio Muraco, on Penticton branch of C. P. R., 4 mi s e of Brooklyn.

Copper Jack—John Bloomberg, at head of Sroule ck, ½ mi n of Yellowstone.

Leadville—Malcolm McIver, J. M. McDonald, on Clearwater ck, 1 mi n of Apex mine.

Rossland—A. H. McKay, 5 mi w of Brooklyn.

Tunnel—J. I. G. Abbott, 5 mi w of Brooklyn.

Vancouver—Osborne Plunkett, same.

Fargo—Chas. Northridge, Tom Flynn, on Wild Horse ck, formerly Badger.

Dresden—Charles Northridge, James McDonald, same, adj Blue Jay.

Sunrise—W. C. Forrester, 2 mi n of Ymir, formerly Lansing.

Southern Cross—A. J. Campbell, same, formerly Easter.

Attwood—J. R. Cranston, n Toad mt, adj Alhambra.

Arizona—W. F. Hornshoe, Oscar Johnson, at head of Sproule ck, adj Yellowstone.

Big Giant—Same. same.

Pomeroy—C. D. Ogilvie, same, adj Yellowstone.

Davy—John M. Ness, on w slope of Morning mt near Sandy ck.

Alm—Samuel Marshall, Frank Pino, about 3 mi n of Ymir.

Sept. 19.—

Cumberland No. 1.—William Rolls, on n fork of Wild Horse creek, 1 mi n of Elise mine.

Knollwood—A. L. Sauvie, at head of s fork of Porcupine ck.

Yosemite—Thos Bennett, ½ mi e of fork of Sheep and Wolf cks.

Copper Chief—Charles Anderson, on w side of n fork of Wild Horse ck, formerly Palmetto.

Iron Horse—W. P. Baker, on s fork of Porcupine ck, formerly Iron Colt.

Sept. 20.—

Mother Lode—E. P. Graham, N. W. Keech, at head of Copper creek.

Cliff House—N. W. Keech, at head of n fork of Salmon river.

First Relief—Wm. McArthur, ½ mi s of Salmo.

Salisbury—John Dean, John McVicar, 2½ mi from Ymir, formerly Pride of the West.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an extraordinary meeting of the Shareholders of the "Exchequer Gold Mining Company, Limited Liability," will be held at its head office, on Baker street, in the city of Nelson, B.C., on the 26th day of September, A. D., 1898 at the hour of eight o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of

(1) Considering propositions for the working and further developement of the mines.

(2) Ratifying a certain agreement of the 6th September, A. D., 1898.

(3) Appointing Trustees and Officers for the said Company and to transact such further and other business as may come before the said meeting.

Dated this 10th day of September, A. D., 1898.

J. C. DREWRY,
Secretary

J. Harry Nickerson
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White Star Line—Britannic	Oct. 5
Cunard Line—Lucania	Oct. 1
Cunard Line—Etruria	Oct. 8
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ADDRESS

To the Electors of the Nelson Riding of West Kootenay Electoral District:

Gentlemen: My acceptance of a seat in the cabinet of Hon. C. A. Semlin has vacated the seat in the provincial legislature formerly held by myself as your representative in that body.

I now beg leave to offer myself as a candidate for re-election.

Although it is but a short time since you honored me by electing me as your representative, and I have every reason to believe that my action in accepting office has your approval, I regret that the duties of office have prevented me from meeting you and personally asking you for the renewal of that support which you have been kind enough to extend to me during the past four years.

The department of mines, which, with the office of provincial secretary, Hon. Mr. Semlin has entrusted to my care, is a most important one, particularly to the mining sections of the province, of which Nelson riding forms so important a part, as by the careful administration of this department the welfare of this and other mining districts may be greatly benefitted.

I appeal, therefore, for your support as a member of the new government, which I am convinced, with the support of the electors throughout the province, will be able to do much to promote the general welfare of the province and enable it to assert its position as the most prosperous of all the provinces in the Dominion.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

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THE NELSON ASSIZES

Composition and Verdict of the Grand Jury.

OLESON WAS ACQUITTED

The Crown Failed to Make Out Their Case. Lawson and Scott are Both Sentenced to Hard Labor.

Mr. Justice Irving opened the assizes yesterday morning at 10 a. m., when a grand jury was empanelled consisting of the following members: H. B. Thompson, foreman; John A. Turner, G. E. Martin, C. St. Barbe, R. Campbell-Johnston, J. A. Irving, H. Selous, T. Madden, H. M. Vincent, R. E. Lemon, A. R. Sherwood, G. Bigelow, T. Gray, J. Hamilton, and J. F. Weir.

The grand jury returned true bills in the following cases:

Regina vs. Bruno; Regina vs. Phillipps; Regina vs. Fitzgerald; Regina vs. Lawson; Regina vs. Scott; Regina vs. Oleson.

The case of Regina vs. Kane was thrown out. The grand jury on coming into court after the completion of their labors, informed his lordship that they had no presentment to make.

Before proceeding to take the criminal cases, Mr. Justice Irving heard several chamber applications which were, by consent, adjourned until today. In the case of Staymer vs. Hall Mines, W. A. Macdonald, Q. C., made an application for a jury, Mr. Bowes, for the defendants, agreed provided special jury was granted and it was so ordered.

The first case taken was Regina vs. L. Oleson, the prisoner being accused of robbing Eric Strand on the afternoon of August 4th, while the latter was asleep on the grass beside the Grand hotel. John Elliot appeared for the crown, and W. A. Galliher for the defense.

Eric Strand, a Swede, was the first witness called, and he gave evidence to the effect that he had drawn $150 out of the bank of Montreal on August 1. He had formed an acquaintenceship with the prisoner a few days befor he had lost his money, and had given him money to buy food on two or three occasions, as he said he was broke.

During the morning of August 4 he and the prisoner had several drinks and about noon the pair went out and laid down upon the grass. When he awoke his money was gone, as was also his companion. His money consisted of $10 bank of Montreal bills, which he kept in a pocket book which the prisoner had had an opportunity of seeing. He had $130 before he lay down.

About 5 o'clock prisoner came back and he taxed him with the theft. He said: "If you think I have the money, you had better search me." Accordingly witness and two friends, Ake and Johnson, went up to a room in the Lake View hotel, and searched him. They only found $9.50 and a few nickels. Prisoner gave witness $5, and treated the four twice. Prisoner then said he was going to Robson, but he did not as witness saw him next day.

Under cross examination the witness did not display a very accurate recollection of what occurred on the morning in question, and throughout he appeared to understand English very imperfectly. He also contradicted himself as to the sobriety of himself and his companion on that occasion.

Charles Peterson, the bartender of the Klondike, then gave his evidence to the effect that he knew both parties. Oleson had stayed at the hotel on the nights of July 29 and 30. On August 2 the prisoner refused to buy a five cent button hole because he had no money. Prisoner was not working at all at the time.

There was no cross examination of this witness.

John Ake was then sworn, and said that he had known Strand for nine years, and the prisoner for four, though he did not know him well. The witness knew nothing of the circumstances of the alleged theft, his evidence being corroborative of the searching of the prisoner and of the finding of the $9.50.

Gus Bieberg said he was tending bar at the Grand hotel on August 4. The prisoner and Strand were drinking together that morning in the bar, and went out about noon, neither being quite sober. About two hours afterwards Strand came back and said his money was gone.

He had not see the prisoner with any large amount of money, but he had bought and paid for several drinks the day before the alleged robbery.

The court then adjourned for an hour.

On the resumption of the sitting at 2 o'clock, Chief of Police McKinnon took the stand. He testified that he had arrested the prisoner the Saturday after the alleged theft, and on searching him had found on his person five $10 Bank of Montreal bills, one $5 bank of B. C. bill and $4.25 in silver, which he produced.

The grass plot where the theft was supposed to have taken place was a common resort in warm weather. It was surrounded by a fence about four feet high.

J. F. Riley testified to having sold the prisoner two watches, one for $2.50 and the other, a gold plated one, for $6. The prisoner paid him with a $10 bill but he did not remember of what bank. He could not swear to the date of the transaction, but was of the opinion that it was on August 3.

This closed the case for the crown, and as the defense produced no witnesses, Mr. Elliot proceeded to sum up

He pointed out that before the alleged robbery, the prisoner was so broke that his companion, Strand, bought him meals, and that he could not buy a five cent button hole. After the money was missed, he was searched and $9.50 was found on him. He had had plenty of time to secrete the balance. He also bought two watches he could not need, and when he was arrested five bank bills of the same denomination as those missing are found on him.

Mr. Justice Irving said he need not call on Mr. Galliher to reply. The crown had not made out a case. They had not connected the prisoner with the theft. So far as it went the evidence tended to show that the watches were bought before the money was taken.

The jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty," his lordship remarking that that was the only possible verdict.

REGINA VS. LAWSON.

In this case the prisoner was accused of stealing a check made out in favor of M. McPhail, a miner.

McPhail took the stand and after being sworn he identified the stolen check, which was of the amount of $1.50.

The check was dated March 14, and the witness had kept it in his pocket book along with other papers. On June 20 the witness came to Nelson and put up at the Club hotel. He was sure he had the check in his possession at that time.

The next day he moved to the Grand Central hotel, and on the morning of the 22nd he discovered his pocket book containing that and other checks was missing.

He wrote to the bank at New Denver stopping payment on the checks, and soon after returned to the mine.

In July witness got word that a check for $61.50 was cashed by a James Scott. He returned to Nelson and had him arrested. He had been working in the mine ever since. He had not advertised the loss of his pocketbook.

M. Brown, accountant of the Bank of Montreal at Nelson, was then sworn. He testified that James Scott had presented the check on July 16. The check was cashed and forwarded to New Denver, whence it was returned with the notice that its payment had been stopped. James Scott was known at the bank as he had had a savings' bank deposit there.

Witness found James Scott in Keefer's cigar store. The next day he saw him again in presence of the prisoner. Lawson said that he had found the check on Stanley street. He had given it to Scott to cash. He owed Scott $10, and he loaned him $20 more out of the proceeds of the check. The prisoner and he had blown the money in, and now had none left. He would repay it when he could.

E. J. Curran, proprietor of the Club hotel, said he had known prisoner since last December, when prisoner had worked for him. Prisoner worked for him again in the early part of June, but had left the house before June 20. So far as he knew prisoner was a sober, steady man, and worked for him faithfully.

Mr. Justice Irving here remarked that there was nothing to connect the theft with the Club hotel.

There were no witneses for the defense.

Mr. Elliot in his address to the jury said the case was clear. The prisoner should have tried to find the owner and he could easily have done so by going to the bank. He got a man known at the bank to cash the check and they divided it.

Mr. Galliher for the defense said that he was aware the case was largely a matter of law, and his lordship would direct the jury as to what constituted larceny by finding. The check was dated in March, and so it was a natural presumption that the check had been lost for a long time, and the owner would be indiscoverable. Counsel was proceeding to quote cases to show the probability of being able to find the owner was an ingredient of the law of larceny by finding in such cases, when his lordship objected on the ground that the cases had been overruled by statute.

In summing up his lordship said that the facts were easy and indisputable. Conversion might occur at any time, and it was no excuse that the original motive of the finder was honest, if he subsequently converted the property to his own use. The case was practically undefended, but if the jury could believe that the prisoner thought there was no hope of finding the owner because of the date on the check, they might acquit him.

After some deliberation the jury brought in a verdict of guilty, and a sentence of nine months' hard labor was imposed.

REGINA VS. SCOTT.

The prisoner in this case was the one associated with the man convicted in the foregoing case. W. A. Galliher pleaded guilty on behalf of his client, and made an appeal for mercy on the grounds that the prisoner had no idea he had no right to cash the check.

In giving sentence Mr. Justice Irving said that those who commit crimes must be punished that others may be warned. Those who, like the prisoner, run so close to the verge of dishonesty, must be punished when caught.

A sentence of three months hard labor was imposed.

The first case this morning will be Regina vs. Fitzgerald. The prisoner is accused of attempted murder.

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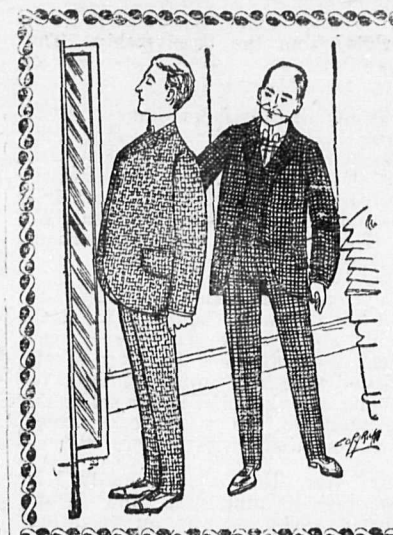

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