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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

MR. W. F. LUXTON, of Winnipeg, one of the mostly widely known and most esteemed journalists of Canada, has received the appointment of manager of the St. Paul *Globe*. Mr. Luxton devoted the best portion of his life towards building up the Prairie Capital, and he now leaves for a foreign country to retrieve his lost fortunes. In the early days when Winnipeg was nothing more than a trading post, Mr. Luxton fought its battles, and that it secured the prominence it has, is due more to this gentleman than any other person. The politicians, wearied of Mr. Luxton's persistency, conspired to destroy the man and his influence, which they did most effectually. When the dark days came, the men who should have stood behind Mr. Luxton deserted him and his ruin was complete. A more flagrant instance of base ingratitude than the treatment of this gentleman by the citizens of Winnipeg has been seldom recorded. Under the guidance of Mr. Luxton, the St. Paul *Globe* should become a power in the land.

A LAW has been introduced in the California Legislature prohibiting the publication of anonymous communications in the daily newspapers. This is a move in the right direction. There is probably not a newspaper office in the country that is not in receipt of anonymous communications of various kinds. As a general thing they are malicious thrusts at somebody's reputation, or setting forth statements which have no foundation in fact. In a properly conducted office, these letters are promptly consigned to the waste basket. The writer of an anonymous letter says in effect: "I wish to use you and your newspaper to gratify my personal spite or vanity; but I have no confidence in your honor; therefore I don't sign my name." This is probably the true statement of the feeling which prompts a man who has no honor himself, and has no confidence in the honor of anyone else. He is incapable of understanding the feeling which would prompt a man to go to jail rather than divulge the sources of his information, as an editor did in one of the eastern provinces a few years ago. Utterly cowardly and contemptible he will attempt to stab a man in the back if he has an opportunity, and will as soon play a mean trick upon the editor who serves his ends as upon the person he attempts to injure in his communication. There are but two explanations for a sane man's writing an anonymous communication. One is that he is a coward, and fears to meet the result which his work will cause, the other is that he is a liar, and knows that the statements he makes can be disproven to his own disgrace. British Columbia might profitably take a leaf out of California's statute books in the respect of passing legislation that would exterminate anonymous correspondents. If we cannot make men honorable, we can at least pare the claws of dishonorable men.

AT last British Columbia has been recognized by the Liberal party. Mr. Hewitt Bostock, the metallic-tongued orator, has been appointed whip for the western section of the Liberal party.

IT was hoped that the hoodoo which had so long cast its shadow over Slocan City had been dispelled with the exit of D. R. Young. Not so, however. The Buchanan dramatic company is torturing the residents of that place with "Fanchon" and "East Lynne."

SOME one has started the story that the Liberals think of taking a plebiscite on their "Senate reform" proposal. The Montreal *Star* believes this is probably the work of some sarcastic soul with an appreciation of the humor of events who desires to guarantee the Senate immortality. Still it will not be well to lose sight of the fact that the Liberals do not trouble themselves about the way in which the ballots were marked when they come to read the message of a plebiscite. So trifling a circumstance as that the country gave a smashing majority against the Laurier Senate mutilation proposal, would not lead the Liberals to conclude that the people wanted the Senate left alone. Not a bit of it! They would simply add the increase in taxation since '96 to the minority vote and then supplement the result by all the votes that were not polled, and then, if necessary, subtract from the majority a sufficient number to cover the ballots of all "offensive (Tory) partizans"; and thus be prepared to show that the result of the plebiscite was really an overwhelming demand for the silencing of the Senate.

THE sympathy of Canada will go out to Mr. Sifton in the loss of the two estimable Galician immigrants, who are to suffer death on the scaffold at Winnipeg in a few days.

CANADA is on the eve of a great era of railway building. The Dominion Parliament will consider 56 applications for railway charters the present session.

MR. W. A. GALLIHER left for Ottawa yesterday. He will return on or about May 1 with a $50,000 appropriation for a public building in Nelson.

IT is now believed that the Galician will prove invaluable to the Liberal party at future election trials. The way those people give evidence is said to almost approach the marvellous.

THE officers of the recently organized Conservative association at Revelstoke are: Dr. Jeffs, president; W. E. McLauchlin, first vice-president; J. McLeod, second vice-president; J. D. Sibbald, secretary and treasurer; W. M. Brown, J. G. Allen, W. Cowan, A. Johnson, W. Newman, T. J. Grahame, J. M. Scott, A. McDonald, A. McNab, W. G. Birney, Dr. McKechnie and G. S. McCarter, executive committee.

THE Victoria *Colonist* reasons that Attorney-General Martin can hardly be expected to understand the requirements of mining commu

nities as well as those persons who have had greater experience with them. What will do for a farming community will not do in a mining region. Legitimate miners and prospectors are as easy people to manage as can be found anywhere. They do not require to be managed, as a matter of fact, and are only anxious to obey the law and respect each other's rights. But as every one knows, there is an element that follows miners, which requires to be controlled with a strong hand. One of the boasts of British Columbia has been that wherever the miner went the representative of the law followed, and this kept the lawless element in check. It may be quite true that the record of the work done by the provincial police may not show that they have arrested many criminals, but this fact of itself shows how useful they are and what a mistake it will be if the usefulness of the force is impaired through false economy. Reduce the efficiency of the police and they will have very much more to do.

BUILDING telephone lines in the Boundary country, according to the Cascade *Record*, is to become quite an industry for the next few months. There seems to be no doubt but that the Columbia Telephone and Telegraph Co. mean business. They have let a contract for the line from the Boundary to Camp McKinney to Davey & Donald, and already this work has been let to three separate firms of sub-contractors and is well under way. It is said that Davey & Donald have put up a bond for the completion of the entire line by July 1.

THE Cranbrook *Herald* believes that: "Instead of a man sitting down and asking, 'whats going to be done for the town?' it would be far better for him to get up and say, 'what can we do to push things along?'" Citizens of Nelson might follow this practice with profit to themselves and the city.

THE defection of Dr. Bethune, M. P. for Victoria county, Nova Scotia, who was elected as a supporter of the late government and has taken a seat on the side of the Laurier government, is not a surprise says the St. John (N. B.) *Sun*. Dr. Bethune voted for the Yukon bill, and supported the government in all the measures of last year. It was known soon after the beginning of last session that he made some sort of bargain with the party in power, which gave him the patronage of his county and them his support. The transaction is probably not yet quite complete, as Dr. Bethune will hardly venture to contest Victoria again. In this province continues the *Sun*, the coalition system and the deals which have grown out of it have made us tolerably familiar in local politics with the transition of a member from the side out-of power to the side in power. Such transactions are less common under the party system in Nova Scotia. The sentiment of the Dominion Parliament is not favorable to such betrayals of trust, though it does favor a strong measure of personal independence. In some way the comrades of a member are quick to discern the motive behind the change, and the opportunist has no standing either with the party he leaves or the one he joins.

POOR unfortunate old Ireland has had her own troubles, but all rolled into one do not equal the humiliation of beholding Joe Martin responding to the toast of "The Day We Celebrate" at a banquet at New Westminster on St. Patrick's Day.

THE hotels in Nelson are crowded at the present time. Every train brings more visitors, and before many months the population of Nelson will have been increased by several thousand. Buildings are springing up in all directions, yet there is not one empty house in the city.

THE coming summer promises to be the most prosperous in the history of Nelson. But any attempt at creating inflated values for real estate or mining properties will result in disaster from which the city may never recover.

THERE are many matters that demand the consideration of the council board. The building by-law is defective; in fact it should be repealed and an entirely new one enacted. The city is rapidly building up, and requires more stringent building regulations than at present exist, especially in regard to matters pertaining to the prevention of fires. Overhanging and swinging signs, wooden verandahs, and all other unsightly and dangerous obstructions should be prohibited.

THE *Mining Journal* of London reports that the threatened drought in the Transvaal, South Africa, region has been removed, copious rains having fallen. It says that many mines, especially in the East Rand district, have now a six-months' supply of water, whereas the same mines a few months ago were practically shut down for want of it.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S announcement that the people have not decided in favor of prohibition will surprise no one, says the St. John *Sun*. It would have been a greater surprise i the premier had taken seriously the result of the vote, or the question itself. If it is true, as Sir Wilfrid says, that only twenty-three per cent of the people of Canada voted for prohibition, it is equally true that a still smaller percentage voted against it, More than half the people did not go to the polls at all. But many more would have voted if the government had given reason to suppose that any regard would have been paid to a vote in favor of prohibition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, did more than any other man to destroy the public interest in the question, when he refused to say positively and clearly whether a prohibitory law would be introduced in case a majority of the vote cast should be in favor of prohibition. He would not even state in parliament whether the government would act on the mandate of the majority of the total electorate. The refusal of the government to give the people a distinct assurance that their vote could under any circumstances accomplish anything, was an invitation to the people to stay away from the polls. Now the premier refuses to act because so many people have accepted his invitation.

THE trouble in the Transvaal has not reached the end. President Kreuger's promised reforms have been reforms in name only, and now 21,000 British subjects have presented a petition to the Queen asking Her Majesty to extend her protection to her subjects in the Transvaal.

THE Nelson Musical Society has given of its time and talent freely to assist charity in this city. The society will give a concert on April 5th for its own benefit, and it should be liberally patronized.

LOVERS of amateur sport in this city will extend every encouragement to the Nelson Lacross Club. Devotees of the Canadian national game will be pleased to learn that Nelson will again have the best club in the Kootenay.

IMPRESSED by the loss of life attending the recent fire at the Windsor Hotel, of New York, and other sky scrapers, THE ECONOMIST building has been provided with adequate fire escapes, so that the lives of the employees may not be sacrificed in case of conflagration. We trust other large corporations may follow the example thus set by THE ECONOMIST.

THE Frenchman who has planned an invasion of England ought to recall the remark of a certain British general, who, when asked if it were possible for a French army to invade Britain, replied that he knew of one thousand ways of invading England, but not one way of getting out of the country alive.

THE telegraph system of the United Kingdom is already national property, and the grant of $10,000,000 ought to go far towards the establishment of an adequate telephone service in that kingdom of many millions and short distances. It is announced that the scheme for a national telephone service, which is to start with the initial expenditure of $10,000,000, is to be worked out with the active aid of the municipalities. This grant of $10,000,000 is to be mainly invested in the construction of trunk lines, and each municipality is to have power to establish a local telephone service and to connect with the Government trunk line on equitable terms. This leads an exchange to remark that Great Britain has not gone rapidly to the front as a telephone using country. The Government, as owner of the telegraph system, insisted on keeping the telephone service in its own control. The right to create local systems was

farmed out to private companies, but now these companies are to be left to the tender mercies of a telephone service supplied by the united activity of the national Government and the municipalities.

AT its recent special session, the Legislature at Kansas passed a bill that is a decided novelty in railroad legislation. The bill, in brief, provided for the establishment, not of an ordinary commission, such as exists in most of the States, but of a regular court invested with exclusive original jurisdiction over causes of controversy between the railroads and the public. To it would be extended the authority belonging to the courts of common law and equity, under which it could obtain evidence and compel obedience to its decisions. The first judges would be appointed and their successors elected; hence, the public would have a personal interest in the court, and have no occasion to charge the selection of incompetent or irresponsible judges.

IT is a trite saying that the newspapers are as good as the people they serve. It is discouraging, sometimes, to note the success of yellow journalism, yet it affords no reason why a newspaper possessed of principles should surrender its ideals. The standard of practical politics and of machine city government is not up to the standard of community citizenship; and yellow journalism does not represent the newspaper conscience. The reputable newspaper that tries to lead public opinion for the best interests of the people does not stand forth so prominently as did the journals of fifty years ago; nor does it possess the same direct power and influence; nevertheless, it is fulfilling an honorable mission, frequently at costly sacrifices of which the public knows or cares little.

IT now transpires, according to recent scientific investigations by the editor of the Vancouver *World*, that St. Patrick did not banish snakes from Ireland, but rather the absence of snakes in the Emerald Isle is due to uncongenial climatic and littoral conditions.

THE Toronto *Telegram* says: "There were times yesterday when Sir Wilfrid Laurier seemed to talk more like the hero of a low-priced melodrama than the Premier of a great country."

THE position of clubs under the licensing laws was considered by the licensing commission recently on Lord Peel's draft report, and, says the Glasgow *Record*, it was determined to recommend that clubs should be registered instead of licensed, with power to the licensing authority to inspect and control. The question is a burning one with the publican interest, it being urged that a large proportion of workingmen's clubs in Glasgow and the larger cities are simply unlicensed drinking houses. It becomes more and more evident from all all that leaks out concerning the proposals of the commission that neither the publicans nor the temperance party will be satisfied with the recommendation. The position of clubs in Canada will also sooner or later open up a wide field for discussion.

THE lead question is again being forced to the front and will undoubtedly cause considerable discussion at Ottawa the present session. The matter was brought before the Government last year, but at the request of Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues, was permitted to wait over, as the Government entertained the hope of including lead in the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States. Now that the Government has failed in its mission the mine-owners are determined to place the Liberals on record. It is quite likely the matter will be taken up, as it is understood Sir Wilfrid, despairing of getting any information from Mr. Bostock, entrusted Mr. Edward Farrer, the journalist, with the mission of investigating the lead situation.

SPEAKING of the recent investment of Canadian capital in the Republic mine, the Fort Steele *Prospector* asks: Why should Canadian capital go abroad for investment when there is so much mineral waiting for investment at home? Are the mines any better? Are they any larger? Or is it on the outside they have had the good fortune to have an active and energetic amount of capital to push develovment on their prospects. If there is no money in it for the American promotor to take hold of prospects and develop them into mines, why should not Canadian capital take hold of prospects and make them mines. Is it a fact that our Canadian capitalist is afraid to take the chances of making a mine from a prospect, and would rather pay from ten to twenty times the first cost of the prospect, also a large bonus on the development, than to take chances with a comparatively small amount and develop a good prospect into a paying mine.

THE *Tribune* makes the somewhat reckless assertion that "a Nelson lawyer," "who has just returned from a trip through the Boundary country," is known to be a stockholder in that xcellent Liberal publication, the *Miner*. We can scarcely believe the *Tribune*, as this modest, unassuming lawyer has hitherto been suspected of being a Conservative. Undoubtedly a great injustice has been done. Yet, these be strange times.

LOVERS of the drama who are contemplating a visit to Rossland will please bear in mind that a grand realistic prodoction of "Jack the Ripper" is being given at the International Music Hall.

"TALK about hens," says Geo. Johnson, the Dominion statistician, "I have just been looking into the question of the hen as a revenue producer. I find that there are about 14,000,000 hens in Canada. They yield about 80,000,000 dozen eggs a year. At twelve cents a dozen, the value is close on $9,600,000. The revenue derived by the Federal Government from taxation of spirits and wines, beer, malt, and malt liquor is $1,400,000 less then the hen fruit. The yearly expenditure of education in Canada is $1,300,000 less than the value of the produce of our noble hen."

THE Kaslo Board of Trade is desirous of improving transportation facilities on the upper Duncan River. This means a great deal to Kaslo and we hope the Kaslo board will succeed in its effort.

THE Trout Lake district is attracting the attention of mining men just now. From all accounts there is a bright prospect in store for that district.

THE New Westminster *Sun* says "the history of the world proves that its masterful men all had big noses." And the *Sun* knows a good thing when it sees it.

MANY complaints are heard as to recent appointments of justices of peace in this Province. It is alleged that many of the appointees are totally unfitted to occupy the office and that much unnecessary litigation and inconvenience have resulted from the haphazard convictions made by some of these justices. Several railway contractors have been victims of those miniature judges. There does not appear to be any real reason why a justice of the peace should be absolutely barren of brains in order to qualify for the office, but such would appear to be the requirement in the case of several of the recent appointments.

WHY should Members of Parliament and senators get passes more than any other class? Members of Parliament and senators get paid milage by the county, and should not place themselves under special obligations to corporations.

NELSON merchants are receiving their spring consignments of goods. If the amount of goods imported is to be taken as an indicator of the volume of trade likely to be done here this summer, it may be said that it will double in amount that of any previous year.

OUR Italian fellow-citizens are making themselves felt in British Columbia. In the words of a celebrated novelist, they were born to encourage the hemp manufacture and will die promoting its interests.

IF the proposed meeting between Martin and Sifton at Winnipeg would result as did the fight between the Kilkerny cats, the matter should receive due encouragement from Conservatives and Liberals alike.

YOUNG LOCHINVAR.

Lady Mary looked at herself in the glass and smiled a little scornfully at the charming image there reflected. There were diamonds in her bronze hair, diamonds on the breast of her pale green satin gown, and around her white neck a priceless rope of pearls. The light caught in a thousand facets, and was reflected back dazzingly.

"The diamonds become you, my lady," said her maid, approvingly.

"Yes, I'm decked out like a sacrifical lamb, Parker," said Lady Mary, with a little laugh. "Do you think Mr. Newington will like me?"

"He would be a very hard gentleman to please if he didn't," said Parker, handing her mistress a cloak.

The white feather ruffle made a charming setting for her slender head, poised flower-like on the round young neck, and with her delicate coloring and violet grey eyes she looked as like some rare blossom transformed into a woman as it was possible to imagine.

But penniless beauty is often a drug in the market, and when Lady Mary had received an offer from Joseph Newington, cabinet minister, and owner of various highly productive collieries in the Black Country, as her aunt, the Hon. Mrs. Stanhope, put it, it would have been running in the face of Providence to refuse it. She made this so very clear to Lady Mary that now the girl was Mrs. Newington-elect, her wedding was fixed for the very next day, and this dance to which she was going was given chiefly in her honor as Mr. Newington's bride, bien extendu, by the Duchess of Stoke, who aspired to form a political salon, after the fashion of the great Whig dames of the last century.

Mrs. Stanhope, waiting for her niece in the hall, looked at her with the satisfaction a chaperone is entitled to feel when her charge has made the match of the season. Was not her trousseau chronicled in every society paper? Were not a couple of detectives told off to keep watch and ward over as costly an array of wedding presents as could be conceived? Were not the settlements princely, and as an earnest of them was not this penniless girl now wearing a rope of pearls a princess might envy?

At one time Lady Mary had seemed inclined to be a little foolish, but that had all blown over now, and she carried herself with a smiling dignity eminently suited to the position she was about to occupy. They were becomingly late at the Duchess's, but Mr. Newington was waiting for them at the head of the stairs, and came forward to claim Lady Mary's hand for a quadrille.

"You are looking extremely well this evening, my dear," he said, formally, "and I am charmed to observe that you honor my gifts by wearing them." He was a spare, dry little man, whose head reached a little way above his bride's white shoulder, but he had an air of important reserve which ought to have added half a foot to his stature.

"They are lovely! I never dream't of such pearls," said Mary, frankly. "It is very kind of you to think so much of me."

"Your pleasure is sufficient recompense," said Mr. Newington.

The quadrille was almost a state affair, danced principally by eminent politicians and grandes dames, to whose ranks Lady Mary thus found herself elevated, and was as dull and decorous as could be imagined. The girl's young face and vivid looks seemed almost out of place in the set, but it was over at last, and Mr. Newington led her to a seat, taking up a position by her with an air of proprietorship.

Several hardy adventurers did assail her, asking for dances; but she answered that she was only dancing "squares" that evening, and Mr. Newington looked on well pleased.

"I am glad, my dear Mary, to observe that your own good taste has led you to a conclusion which, to my mind, was inevitable," he said, graciously. "It would be obviously unbeoming for my wife to dance with any comer, especially undignified round dances. I am obliged for your consideration in the matter."

"I shall always try to please you," said Lady Mary, and he did not see how wistful were the blue eyes for moment. At twenty-two it is hard to bid good-bye to life's pleasant frivolities and vanities, but it seemed to Lady Mary that it was the only recompense she could make to this man for all he was about to give her.

"My dear, in that case, I am sure you will succeed," said Mr. Newington, with that little air of formality which always seemed to take away all reality from his speeches, and then—"Would you excuse me a moment, I want to speak to Lord Mornington!"

"Oh—of course, I shall be all right," said Mary, readily.

She leant a little further back in her chair, her hands crossed lightly on her lap, wearing her pretty society smile, as lovely a vision in her shimmering satin gown, with the lights flashing back from the jewels in her hair and breast as man could ever hope to call his own.

A man who had just come into the ballroom with a friend caught sight of her, and the color flushed up under his sunburnt skin. He was so sunburnt, indeed, that his naturally fair skin was a deep bronze, and his hair had been burnt almost colorless by the tropical sun, while his movements had the easy freedom of one who had lived much in the open air. His lips were firm, his bright blue eyes a trifle reckless, and he went straight across to where Lady Mary sat in state. She did not see him coming, and when he said, quietly, "Well, Mollie, and this is you?" she looked up with a startled gasp of "Chris?"

She recovered herself in a moment, though the color was hot on brow and cheek, and said, formally, "Captain Farris, I did not expect to see you here. I didn't know you had come back."

"No? Well, I only got back this week, and I sail again the day after to-morrow. I've beaten my sword into a ploughshare, or pruning hook, or whatever it is, and am a landed proprietor in Matabeleland."

"I—I saw about you going out to parley with the natives alone," said Lady Mary, with a strange losing of her stateliness.

"Oh, that! The newspaper Johnnies made a lot out of it, but it was nothing really. I knew they would be all right," said Captain Farris, carelessly. "But never mind about me. Do you know why I came here to-night, Mollie?"

"To dance, I suppose, Captain Farris," she said, with a touch of haughtiness.

"Do you mean that for a snub? You are still only Mollie to me until after to-morrow. I came to dance with you."

"I am only dancing squares with Mr. Newington tonight," she said, quickly.

"After to-night that will be all very well, but to-night won't you give me just one waltz in memory of old times?" he said in that tone that shows a man has no fear of an answer. Perhaps he had studied the great statesman's advice about audacity.

"No, no, I can't," said Lady Mary, but her voice was a little hurried.

"Why? Are you afraid?" said Chris almost in her ear. "Or are your fetters too heavy already?" and he looked with a significant glance at the rope of pearls around her neck.

She looked up at him a little angry, and just then fate dealt him a trump card, for the band began to play a waltz—so old that it was almost fashionable again, "Myosotis."

"Mollie, don't you remember when we heard that first—the evening you came out, and you danced with me six times, and Mrs. Stanhope was furious and took you home? For old sake's sake give me one dance?"

The words were an appeal, but the tone was a command, and almost instinctively Lady Mary rose and suffered him to draw her arm through his.

"Just one turn," she said, forgetting all about the fate of the town and the woman who parleys, and the next instant they were swinging round in that perfect accord of step that makes dancing a dream of ecstacy.

"Ah, Chris, no one knows my step like you," she breathed involuntarily, and he held her a little closer.

"Mollie, why did you write me that cruel letter?"

"It had to be, Chris; we were both paupers. It would have been madness, and Mr. Newington is very kind," said Millie, incoherently; "and there was Aunt Grace, you know."

"Oh, yes; there was always Aunt Grace, and I have no doubt Mr. Newington is very kind; but, Mollie, you know you won't be happy," he said, low in her ear.

"Oh, but I will be. I shall be enormously rich, I shall have some of the best diamonds in England, and the loveliest frocks. I shall be a very grand lady, and my husband will be very devoted. Chris, let the past lie," she said recklessly. "Let us enjoy this last waltz."

"Mollie, do you know what brought me home, really? You!"

"Don't Chris, don't. I won't listen, it is to late," she said, horridly.

"No, it isn't too late yet. Dear, I know you love me still, and I won't give you up to any man, be he a thousand times a cabinet minister, and able to hang you with jewels from top to toe."

"But I am going to be married to-morrow. I have the loveliest wedding presents, the smartest folk are coming to the reception, and the Ludlows have lent us their castle for the honeymoon,' said Mollie, with a wild laugh; "Chris, don't you see you are talking the greatest nonsense?"

Of course, if the future Mrs. Newington had been prudent she would have made Captain Farris take her back at once to her aunt, and would have had no further converse with that audacious young man, but to some people dancing is as intoxicating as champagne, and with Chris's arm around her Lady Mary's thoughts were becoming a little confused.

"Look here, Mollie, darling, you shall be married to-morrow, but not to Mr. Newington; there shall be only two people to your wedding reception, and we'll spend the honeymoon on board a Cape Liner," said he.

"Chris, you don't imagine I could marry you now?"

"But that's what I came home for. Little girl, I know you too well to believe you would ever be happy with all the jewels and grand friends in the world without love. You don't know what jolly times we will have out there—no end of riding, and I never saw any woman ride better than you. And, really, though you wouldn't think it, I'm quite a bigwig out there now."

"But I couldn't do it. I really couldn't face Aunt Grace and Mr. Newington, and everyone," she said, but her voice was wavering.

"There's no need for you to. I shall take you away with me to-night. There is an old cousin of mine who will put you up for the night. I'll get a special license to-morrow, and we'll be married as soon as possible, having packed up all these pretty stones and sent them back to Mr. Newington with a little note, and by the time people have fairly grasped the situation and began to talk, we shall be out of it all."

"Oh, Chris, it's too preposterous," she said, weakly.

The waltz was over now, and she suffered him to lead her into the conservatory, where he faced her with his handsome face suddenly serious.

"Mollie, I know you are a coward and that's why I won't even trust you home with Mrs. Stanhope to-night. But I won't let you sell yourself to this man, this shrivelled little man of red tape, for you love me, you know you do."

"Oh, yes, yes; there was never anyone else, Chris, why did you go away from me?" she said, impetuously.

"To try and make some sort of a fortune, Mollie. It may be a poor sort of one, dear, but old Soloman, who ought to have known what a good dinner meant, said something about a dinner of hearts where love is being a jolly sight better than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."

"I—I was never fond of beef," said Mollie, in a voice between tears and laughter. "I'll—I'll try the herbs."

There was no prancing warhorse at hand for this nineteenth century Lochinvar, but he hailed a hansom instead, having wrapped Lady Mary up in her cloak with the gentlest of hands, and so accomplished the abduction of a cabinet minister's bride, and a scandal started which gave an inspiring season's matter for talk quite a fortnight, and almost deprived an estimable chaperon of her powers of reason, while the culprits, sailing south, cared for none of these things.—*Modern Society.*

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

Nelson's Opportunity.

(Ymir Miner.)

The Nelson business houses will have to make a bid for the Ymir trade or else they will lose the chances of obtaining it. Ymir is within 90 minutes by ride rail of the Smelter City and should be tributary to it. Of late there has been quite an influx of commercial travelers from Eastern, Central and Western Canada striving for a share in the Ymir trade. Nelson must look to its laurels and not allow others to grasp the palm of victory.

The Real Reason.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

The Grit newspapers condem the Dominion senate because, they say, it didn't do its duty when the Tories were in power, but simply endorsed all that the Tory commons did. That's not true. The real reasen for Grit opposition to the senate is because it is now doing its duty, and refuses to allow bad legislation to become law. If the senate were to acquiesce in everything the commons now does there wouldn't be a Grit voice raised against it.

Death to Spring Poetry.

(Cranbrook Herald.)

The *Herald's* stock of poems on beautiful spring and kindred subjects has been carefully wrapped up in blankets and placed in the warmest corner of the office. We have come to the conclusion that there is no use in getting gay simply because one can see a few patches of green grass and hear a lone robin sing. It has been firmly impressed upon our mind that at this time of the year it may snow in the morning, it may snow in the evening, or it may be so warm that one drops rapidly into the first stages of spring fever. March is a peculiar month in the Kootenays.

Wants to Get In On the Ground Floor.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

The Anglo-Saxon race should get itself incorporated as a limited liability concern. Already it takes in the United States, which is not very Anglo-Saxony, though its institutions are modeled on the British plan. But now Emperor William wants to come in too and share the general prestige, though not long ago he was doing his best, quite gratuitously, to make it hard for Great Britain in the Transvaal and the United States in the Philippines, when they had plenty trouble of their own. The test of the value of "kinship of our common race" is not who will stand by it in prosperity, but who will declare themselves in adversity. When the United States was threatened with the interference of Europe last spring, John Bull, who had not been doing much talking about our common race (officially) up to that time, ranged himself alongside Uncle Sam, and unostentatiously felt for his gun. Meanwhile Emperor William was shaking his mailed fist and threatening "our common race," along with the rest of the aliens.

Hanging a Public Entertainment.

(Montreal Star.)

One of the Government organs announces that a bill will be introduced to exclude the public from executions of the death sentence in future. We doubt if any legislation is required. Executions are already nominally private affairs. All that the Government has to do is to forbid its officials from issuing invitations to these ghastly entertainments. It is also stated that in the proposed legislation an exception will be made in favor of bona fide newspaper reporters. If there is one class of men that it is desirable to exclude from executions more than another it is the reporters. The man who attends for his own gratification simply degrades himself; the reporter who attends for the purpose of publishing revolting ghastly details, degrades and demoralzes thousands of others. The publication of such reports serves no useful purpose and does infinite harm. The culprit and the hangman are lionized, we might almost say popularized, and to weak minds, a sure road to notoriety almost equivalent to fame is pointed out. A reporter should not be allowed near a scaffold unless he is the man to be hanged. The death penalty would have far more terrors for the lowest class of criminals if the sentence were carried out in absolute privacy, with no chance to make a public exhibition of "dying game' and no chance to pose for the admiration of the select and cultured guests of the Government officials, whose privilege it is to issue invitations on such occasions. It is imposible to say how far the press may have been responsible for recent epidemics of crime, but we fear it cannot be held altogether guiltless. We feel sure that the best newspapers in the province will agree with us that competition for this class of news should in the public interest be discouraged, and if possible prevented. If the Government desires to prevent a recurrence of the scandal that has brought this question up it should commence by promptly dismissing the officials who issued the invitations. There can be no question but that its action will be sustained by public opinion.

MUSIC & DRAMA

There are few cities in the New World, or the Old World, which for their size can rival Nelson in musical talent. That the musical taste has improved there is little doubt. It must give great satisfaction to those who give the city the benefit of their musical knowledge, be it great or small, to know how much their efforts are appreciated. The success of the Nelson Musical Society is deeply due to the steady and constant attendance at practices of all the members. Without that the knowledge and energy of a conductor would be wasted. If anything has been wanting perhaps it is the hearty co-operation of those who might have been able to render valuable assistance. In a small community it is necessary for everyone, no matter how great or how small their musical attainments may be, to give what assistance they can to a society formed for the purpose of rendering good music. The Nelson Musical Society is only in its infancy. Doubtless next season it will receive even warmer support than it has already met with. The society has been working hard for the annual concert on April 5th, and the public may feel assured of an excellent performance.

To-night, at the evening service in the Church of England at 8 p. m., there will be a recital of sacred music given by the Nelson Musical Society. The music chosen will be suitable for Holy Week and consists of two choruses from the Messiah, namely, "Behold the Lamb of God" and "Surely He hath Borne Our Griefs," a solo (by Mrs. W. A. Macdonald) with chorus from Spohr's "Crucifixion," "All Ye Who Weep," by Gounod, and the solo, "He was Despised" from the Messiah, which will be sung by Mrs. Brougham. The choruses will be sung by a choir of over forty and will be accompanied by an orchestra with the organ. There will be no charge for admission, but there will be a collection on behalf of the church building fund. Those who appreciate beautiful sacred music should not miss this recital.

Undoubtedly the musical event of the year will be the concert to be given next Wednesday evening at the Opera House by the Nelson Musical Society. The music will be both classical and in lighter vein, and there will be a chorus and orchestra of over sixty. The soloists will be Mrs. Brougham, Mr. Frank Oliver, (late of the Chapel Royal, St. James,) and others, and Herr Steiner cello. The Nelson Musical Society is a credit to this city and the concert given under its auspices should be liberally patronized.

Other events of interest to the musical world of Nelson, are announced. On April 7 the Fire Brigade will give a smoking concert. On April 12, the Methodists give an entertainment in the Opera House, a special feature of which will be the performance given by Mr. Morrison's Physical Culture class.

On April 17, Herr Steiner will give a concert in the Presbyterian church, at which Mr. Frew will give a short lecture on music.

The Smelter brass band is worthy of the highest praise. Within a very short space of time they have been able to give several creditable performances. Even a somewhat severe musical critic was heard singing their praises at the rink the other night. No doubt with a little more practice they will attain still lighter things.

MINES AND MINING.

The minister of mines gives notice: "That an individual free miner's certificate taken out or renewed before March 1, 1899 is valid for one or more years from date of issue; that any such certificate taken out after May 1, 1899, and before May 31, 1899, will be valid only until such May 31; that the fee for such fractional part of the year will be prorata proportionate to the fee for the entire year. A further free miner's certificate may be taken out dating from May 31, 1899, at midnight, and valid for one or more years from that date. A table will be issued showing the proportionate rate to be charged for free miner's certificates, which are issued covering only a portion of a year."

Dealings in the shares of the Ymir gold mines, limited, (the Ymir mine) having lately sprung up in the London market. The West Australian Gold Fields, which owns a share in the concern, as also in the Whitewater, says in its annual report: "The Ymir mine is started to be one of the best developed in British Columbia. The mine, like the Whitewater, is worked by tunnels from the hillside at an exceedingly cheap rate. A 40 stamp mill, driven by water power, has been erected. Your directors purchased from the London and British Columbia Gold Fields, limited, 50,000 shares in the Ymir gold mines, limited, on what have proved to be very advantageous terms, and have the option of purchasing another 50,000 shares on similar terms within three months from the starting of the mill. Conservative estimates place the profits from the mill at £36,000 per annum, which amount would provide more than 15 per cent on the capital of the Ymir company. The shares are valued in the balance sheet at 15s. per share, whilst the price is now about 25s.

It is understood that the Hall Mines smelter will shortly commence the treatment of silver-lead ores. The company has been receiving ore from Slocan and Ainsworth properties for some time.

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EVENTS AND GOSSIP

S. P. Tuck of Kaslo, will succeed W. P. Robinson as sheriff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce White left yesterday on a visit to Victoria.

Maynard H. Cowan, contractor on the Nelson and Bedlington, was in the city this week.

The Nelson Lacrosse Club will meet for organization in the fire hall Saturday evening.

Mr. A. H. Buchanan, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, has gone east on an interesting mission.

A. J. Marks has returned from a visit to Grand Forks, Greenwood, Cascade, Trail and Rossland, where he has been looking up the holdings of his late partner, Chas. Van Ness.

The West Kootenay Brick and Lime Company have already completed the construction of one kiln with a capacity of one thousand bushels, and work on another of the same capacity will commence at once. The company expects to manufacture 2,000,000 bricks during the coming serson.

The Reco mine decreased its force by 18 men last week.

The Palmita, in the Slocan, has 15 tons of ore on the dump, taken from the No. 2 tunnel.

The Wonderful mine, in the Slocan has 15 men working, and will do some shipping in the near future.

The cylinder head of the compressor engine at the Dardanelles was blown out last week and the force at the mine has been laid off until the necessary repairs can be made. During the shut down other repairs are being made in the compressor plant.

During the month of February 2,445 tons of ore were run through the Whitewater concentrator, producing 276 tons of of concentrates. The shipments were 265 tons, and the returns from 242 tons amounted to $12,560. The approximate profit on the month's working was $4,250. For the 18 days ending March 3rd, the following were the results of operations at the Hall mines smelter: 3,458 tons of Silver King ore and six tons of purchased ore were smelted. containing, approximately Silver King ore, 50 tons copper, 36,830 ounces silver; purchased ore, etc., one ton copper, 130 ounces silver, seven ounces gold.

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AFRICAN DWARFS.

Probably there has been no such interest circling around African travelers and geographers since the time of Henry H. Stanley's expedition as has been caused by the arriv.l from Central Africa the other week of Albert Bushnill Lloyd, a young and hitherto unknown Englishman, after a journey of three months from the heart of Africa to London, traveling over Stanley's route down the Congo to the west coast.

The journey was in one respect more remarkable than Stanley's, inasmuch as Mr. Lloyd traveled quite alone so far as Europeans were concerned, and was only accompanied by two native servants and a small number of carriers. Moreover, although he marched three weeks in the pygmy forest and then traversed the whole length of the Aruwimi River, the banks of which are lined with warlike cannibals, he never once fired a shot in self-defense. On the contrary, he was on cordial terms with both pygmies and cannibals.

Mr. Lloyd's journey along the almost untrodden path from Uganda was most hazardous. His own friends tried to dissuade him, but he persisted, and on his arrival at the Congo the Bulgians could scarcely believe that he had made the trip.

On entering the great primeval forest Mr. Lloyd went west for five days without the sight of a pygmy. Suddenly he became aware of their presence by mysterious movements among the trees, which he first attributed to monkeys. Finally he came to a clearing and stopped at an Arab village, where he met quite a number of pygmies.

"They told me," said Mr. Lloyd, "that, unknown to me, they had been watching me for five days, peering through the growth of forest. They appeared very much frightened, anc even when speaking covered their faces. I asked a chief to allow me to photograph the dwarfs, and he brought a dozen together. I was able to secure a snapshot, but did not succeed in the time explosure, as the pygmies would not stand still.

"I tried to measure them and found not one over four feet in height. All were fully developed, the women somewhat slighter than the men. I was amazed at their sturdiness. The men have long beards, reaching half way down the chest. They are very timid and will not look a stranger in the face, their beadlike eyes constantly shifting. They are, it struck me, fairly intelligent. I had a long talk with a chief, who conversed intelligently about their customs in the forest and the number of the tribesmen.

"Both men and women, except for a tiny strip of bark were quite nude. The men were armed with poisoned arrows. The chief told me the tribes were nomadic and never slept two nights in the same place. They just huddle together in hastily thrown up huts. Memories of a white traveler—Mr. Stanley, of course—who crossed the forest years ago, still linger among them."

Mr. Lloyd then procceeded through the cannibal countries to the coast. He found the cannibals warlike and fierce, but open and straightforward, and had no difficulty with them. At one place he put together a bicycle he had with him and rode around their village. A remarkable scene followed, thousands of cannibals—men, women and children—turning out, dancing and yelling at what they decribed as "a European riding a snake."

THE mail service in the Boundary country is a cause for severe complaint. It takes a letter as long to reach Cascade from Nelson as it does from Victoria.

THE HOME

Probably all of us have either in our callow days or latter on in life shed tears over the perils and woe of "Their Heir of Redclyffe," and been immersed in the welfare of the May family, as portrayed in the pages of the "Daisy Chain." Such, then, as have a kindly feeling for the veteran authoress, Miss Cherlotte Yonge, will be glad to hear that the scheme started some time ago, whereby honor might be rendered to her name by a college scholarship for girls at the Winchester High School, has met with a fair measure of success. Already the sum of £1,200 has been received, the amounts coming from all parts of the world, the Sunday schools at Toronto even now collecting for the purpose.

The famous woman novelist, Mrs. F. A. Steele, has retired with her daughter to a charming cottate on the banks of the Dovey, at Pennal, England. Mrs. Steele lightens the labors of her literary work by the cultivation of flowers and by games at Badminton, at which sports she is an adept. Perhaps, ere long, Mrs. Steele will give us another literary treat. For who can forget "On the Face of th Waters?"

An old boat woman on the Seine, named Mme. Wadin, whose age is 102, has just quitted the river boat Pont d'Arcole, to enjoy the remainder of her days ashore. This "doyenne" of boat women is retiring to a pretty little house at Longueuil-Aunel, near the river on which she has lived uninterruptedly for over a century.

Lady Butler, who has been in residence at Dover Castle for some time, quits England to day. She goes to join her husband, General Sir William Butler, at the Cape, where he is in command of the troops. It is now a quarter of a century since Lady Butler exhibited her world-famous picture, "The Roll Call," at the Academy, and since that time her brush has been very actively employed in the painting of battle scenes. Had three votes more gone to Lady Butler when her name came upon the board at the R. A., the position of women artists would be the stronger by official reognition. It was Professor Herkomer that out-distanced Lady Butler in the final ballot; he carried off twenty-seven votes to her twenty-five. Since that time no woman's name has appeared upon the board at the Burlington House meetings.

Wrinkles, and how to avoid them was a theme of discussion between several clever women lately. There was an old woman there whose only outward sign of the position lay in dignity, not in facc lines. There was also a society woman, who had kept a smooth brow in spite of receptions and dinners, and a "business woman whose skin was delightfully unwrinkled." The old lady claimed that the ivory state of her complexion was due to the simple rule that she never washed her face in cold water. The society woman said, "Be calm, be calm, and evermore be calm." The business woman stated, with business-like directness, that once every day, usually just before retiring, she sat five minutes in a dark room, her eyes closed, her hands folded on her lap, her feet feet resting upon a stool, and her mind resolutely kept free from every vestige of thought. When she had the opportunity she indulges in this resting process oftener.

The style of hairdressing known now as the Watteau promises to become as popular as the Pompadour has been. There is not a great difference in the two styles. The puff of hair in the Watteau is highest over the forehead, is somewhat irregular and the loose curls escape from it. A large rose or tulle chou may be pushed into the hair above one ear. Most young women are adopting this style. A more mature manner of arranging the hair is the French twist, now returned to favor. This starts in a loose roll, just above the nape of the neck, and the hair is piled over the forehead in a lot of short curls. The front hair is cut to form a thick, irregular bang over the forehead. The hair on the side is slightly waved, but worn close. This is a dignified style of coiffure, and many women look well in it. A pretty style for evening that suits some faces is a small Pompadour with a line of irregular curls falling about the face. Above the Pompadour the long hair is arranged in a flat coil that may be surrounded by a wreath of flowers or tied with a ribbon. With the Watteau coiffure a high velvet bow worn on one side of the coil is pretty.

A sturdy Polish girl by a recent performance has probably earned for herself the title of champion long-distance dancer of the world. It was at her wedding. The dance that followed it lasted for thirty-six hours—from Saturday night until Monday morning. In accordance with Polish etiquette, the bride had to dance with every man present. There were 117 men there, fellow-workers in a factory; but she took partner after partner, slighting none. It is calculated that the bride danced more than thirty-six miles.

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Easter in England.

In England less is made of the day now than before the reformaton, but some curious practices survived until recently in that country. Among them was the custom of heaving, as it was called—possibly a relic of the heave offering of the Jews, though others say it was intended to symbolize the resurrection. A chair was decorated with rosettes and ribbons, and eligible men or guests were desired to sit in it while the young women and servant maids of the place heaved them or raised them in the air. After that they gathered about and kissed them. This delightful custom should have been imported to this country. It would have had remarkable favor among those people who are fond of things English. Perhaps it took the edge from the enjoyment when the servants afterward insisted on tips, as other English servants do and have done on each and every occasion in life that offered the slightest excuse for such requests. On Easter Monday the men took their turn and heaved the women, demanding kisses and money as a penalty for refusal. In Ireland it was customary to rise at 4 in the morning in order to see the sun dance, as it was believed to do from joy that the anniversary should have coming round.

The Date of Easter.

Why Easter, unlike Christmas, should be a movable feast has often been asked, but it is not so readily answered. To have the date of Easter Sunday fixed definitely so that its place in the calendar a year or 50 years ahead could be stated as exactly and readily by people in general as that of Christmas would be a convenience. The majority of even Catholics and Episcopalians have at present but indistinct and probably inaccurate ideas as to why Easter is celebrated on such or such a date and are content to leave the time of its celebration to be announced by the calendar makers.

Aside from saving the abstruse calculations employed in determining the Easter date there would certainly be advantages in having the entire Christian world celebrate the Easter festival upon the same date, and Pope Leo XIII is said to be about to take the initiative in the matter of fixing the time of Easter, after the present century, on the third Sunday before the spring equinox, provided the Greek church will adopt this reckoning along with the Gregorian calendar, thus bringing the two great divisions of the Catholic church into uniformity as to the feasts and festivals of the Christian year.

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In the matter of the estate and effects of Charles Van Ness, Deceased, Intestate

Notice is hereby given that by an order of this honourable court dated the 25th day of February, A. D. 1899, Alfred John Marks and Decatur Downing have been appointed administrators of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of January, A. D. 1899.

All persons having claims against the said deceased are required on or before the first day of April, A. D. 1899, to send full particulars of such claims duly verified by statutory declaration to Alfred John Marks of Nelson, B. C., with their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions and the value of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said administrators will proceed to administer the said estate and distribute the proceeds thereof amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the date of such distribution.

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Recently a young man in New Jersey was treated successfully for tetanus by the injection of serum into the brain. That is not the method of treating lockjaw out in Missouri. Several years ago a citizen of Liberty, Mo., was suffering from tetanus. Local physicians failed to relieve him, and Dr. Wood of Kansas City, a gruff old gentleman, was called. Arriving at the home of the patient he found the room full of sympathizing neighbors. The physician proceeded toward the sick man and remarked: "Why in——don't you shut your mouth?" at the same time giving him a severe "chuck' under the chin. The effect of the blow caused the mouth to close, and the man soon recovered.

Rev. H. R. Haweis, the Englishman who is equally an authority in musical and clerical circles, says in an interesting paper on "Violins and Girls:

The advantages to a girl of performing on the violin are obvious. If she sings, she may lose her voice, and if she has not got one she can't sing. If she plays the piano, no one will cease talking, in England at least—no, not even if she plays divinely—and then she cannot be well seen at the piano. But if she holds a violin she is at once isolated. In our overcrowded female population isolation is everything. To be picked or to pick yourself out of the crowd, to command the undivided attention of the room, to to have your innings and to have it all to yourself under the most advantageous, the most fascinating, circumstances—that is a great point. A girl may go to a dozen "at homes" and parties, but there are dozens more girls there along with her, and she is but one in the dozen. But let her suddenly appear with her violin, and she gets her opportunity.

Every motion of both her well rounded arms is expressive; every attitude if she plays really well and knows how to hold her instrument, must be graceful, displaying her flexible wrists, arms and shoulders to the best advantage.

Her sensitive hand seems made to clasp its smooth and taper neck. At last, at last, she has found a vehicle worthy of her subtle or passionate but too long imprisoned emotions—those shy reticences which yearn for an ear that cannot be found; those confidences which may be revealed through her violin but never betrayed; that feeling that finds no relief until it is suddenly lifted away upon those tidal waves of ineffable melody the interpreter of things which "words are powerless to express and leave them still unsaid in part or say them in too great excess!" Yes, surely, the violin is made for woman, and woman is made for the violin.

Have Scribbler, the author, and his wife made it up?

Oh, yes! She now reads what he writes, and he eats what she cooks.

Application for Transfer of Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, intend, at the first sitting of the Board of License Commissioners, of the City of Nelson, to be held 30 days after the first publication of this notice, to apply for a transfer of the license held by me for the sale of liquor by retail at my hotel, known as "The Klondyke," on lot 5, block 1, Vernon Street, Nelson, B. C., from myself to John Johnson and L. P. Nelson, both of Nelson, B. C.

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Origin of the Skirt Dance.

Somebody has been discussing the origin of the skirt dance, which has just begun to lose its old popularity, not only on the English stage, but in the drawing rooms as well. The management of the multitudinous skirts could be so discreet that young women danced in them in the drawing room, and this diversion came to be regarded as wholly proper. But the skirt dance has of late years lost much of its popularity. Even on the stage its most skirtful performers have varied their methods, and the simple gracefulness of Sylvia, Gray, Letty Lind and Phyllis Broughton is a thing of the past. The woman who invented the dance seems to have been more famous than anybody seems to have supposed. It was no less a person than Emma Hart, Lord Nelson's Lady Hamilton. That is the person Francisque Sarcey has selected as the real orginator of the dance which in its somewhat degenerate and present estate is largely a matter of calcium lights and dress goods. A letter which M. Sarcey quoted was written by Goethe, and deserves what the French critic takes to be the origin of the dance. The famous Germon wrote in March, 1787:

"Sir William Hamilton, who is still the British Ambassador here, after having studied the works of nature for so long a time, has found a beatiful young woman the most delightful thing in art or nature. She is an English woman, very beautiful in face and figure She gives an entertainment dressed in a Greek costume. Her hair hangs loose, she takes two shawls in her hands, and she so varies her atitudes, gestures and the play of features that it is like a dream. Kneeling, standing, sitting, she assumes by turns and expression of exaltation, repentance, anxiety, remorse, affection."

The skirt dance now is so much the work of the electrician and the limelight man that is agreeable to find the origisal inventor of its grace and beauty was a woman.

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Dated this 10th day of March, 1899.

SIMCOE MINING AND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to the Creditors Trust Deed Acts and Amended Acts.

Notice is hereby given that Samuel J. Mighton, of Nelson, B. C., heretofore carrying on business as Tobacco Merchant at Nelson, B. C., has by deed dated the 10th day of March, A. D. 1899, assigned all his personal estate, credits and effects, which may be seized and sold under execution, and all his real estase to Hugh R. Cameron, of Nelson, B. C., Agent, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The said deed was executed by the said Samuel J. Mighton and by the said Hugh K. Cameron, on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1899, and all persons having claims against the said Samuel J. Mighton are required, on or before the 10th day of April, A. D. 1899, to send to the trustee full particulars of the same, duly verified, together with the particulars of the security (if any) held by them.

Notice is hereby further given that after the said 10th day of April, A. D. 1899, the trustee will proceed to distribute the assets of the trust estate amongst those creditors who are entitled thereto, and whose claims have then been lodged with him, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice, and that he will not be responsible after said date for the assets of the said trust estate, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons, firm or corporation of whose claim he had not notice at the time of distribution.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the creditors of the said Samuel J. Mighton will be held at the law office of Macdonald & Johnson on Baker street, in the city of Nelson, on Monday the 20th day of March, A. D. 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated Nelson, B. C., this 10th day of March, A. D. 1899.

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"Your Honor," said the Irish barrister, as he rose to plead his client's cause, "I shall first prove to the jury that my client did not commit the crime with which he stands charged. If that does not convince the jury, I shall show that he was insane when he did it. If the jury be even then unconvinced, I shall prove an alibi."

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