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LITTLE DOING IN THE HOUSE

One Good Man Wanted at the Present Time.

WHY THIS STAGNATION?

Pen Pictures of Prominent Men—Messrs. Eberts, McBride, Martin, and Dunsmuir.

Special Correspondence.

VICTORIA, April 8.

The opening of the Legislature took place on Thursday with no particular incident to mark the occasion. The galleries were crowded with eager and expectant onlookers, much the same sort of an audience as would gather to see a circus or a farce comedy, for of a truth the gatherings of the legislators at Victoria are looked upon by many as little better than a burlesque. And reasonably so, for has not the floor of the House been the stage where many scenes of a tragic and comic character have been enacted? When one stops to think how truly despicable and sad all this business is, you ask yourself, why cannot our legislators meet like common-sense business men to work in an earnest and straightforward way for the general welfare of the province and to strive and advance the interests of the richest section of the Dominion, instead of bickering and quarrelling like a pack of school boys? Are there no men who represent the people of British Columbia in the House who have the smallest semblance of statesmanship or patriotism left? If so, let them come forward and inject into the minds of the remainder of our members the reality that all the rest of Canada and the United States are enjoying prosperity beyond the hopes of the most sanguine, while British Columbia, so richly endowed with the wealth of the forest, stream and mines, is lagging behind in the march of progress? Such being the case, for goodness sake, members of the Legislature, rise to the occasion, and conduct the business of the country as business men should, for even if you are satisfied to draw down your paltry sessional allowance only, the rest of the people realize fully that time is on the wing, and they cannot live forever. They would like to participate in some of the good things while nature is generously inclined.

The debate on the Speech from the Throne has been uninteresting. Smith Curtis will test the government's strength by moving for a dissolution, and Mr. Hathornthwaite will introduce a bill to prevent interference with the right of men to join labor unions.

PEN PICTURES OF THE STATESMEN.

D. M. EBERTS has been in British Columbia for many years, coming here from Chatham, Ont., where on a warm summer day, over so many years ago, he was born, tired. Mr. Eberts is one of the eloquent men of the House, and has no equal in debate when roused to action, which is not often. The member for South Victoria has served in many governments as attorney-general, and braved the peril and danger of a sea voyage in order that he might win further merit in the eyes of the people of his adopted province. At a time when this country could ill afford to spare him, the attorney-general hied to London to purge our immaculate voters' list of the name of one Tomy Hama, a crafty Machiavelian subject of the Mikado, who had his name surreptitiously placed on the list of voters, which act if followed by his fellow-countrymen might have reduced the price of votes even below the recognized market rate in North Victoria. The attorney-general, being a fatigued man, either didn't start soon enough or the ship didn't steam fast enough, so the matter was settled before he reached London. But he arrived in time for the coronation, and narrowly escaped being invested with the order of O. S., as a slight recognition of his services to the Empire. Thanks to Providence, he returned home in a perfect state of health.

RICHARD McBRIDE, member for Dewdney, and known by some as "Dewdney Dick," is one of the youngest members of the House, a strong debater and a good platform speaker. He was Minister of Mines during the first part of the Dunsmuir administration, but resigned his portfolio for "conscience sake," believing that others might also have a conscience concealed about their person, but in this he appears to have been mistaken, and now he is sorry that he spoke. In the language of the street, they were discreetly "next," and thought more of a monthly ministerial salary than their word. Since that time, no doubt the gentleman from Dewdney has had time to meditate on the weakness of humanity and marvel that such things should be. Mr. McBride is leader of the Opposition, and although he differs with Premier Laurier in politics, he strives to garden his hair in the same style.

JOSEPH MARTIN, next to B. J. Perry, is the ablest politician in Canada. After stirring up things in Manitoba, he came to British Columbia about 7 years ago, and has been stirring up things ever since. Mr. Martin was at one premier of British Columbia, and consulted the demands of public opinion by surrounding himself with such able statesman as Cory Ryder and George Washington Beebe. The member for Vancouver must have a streak of Irish in him, as he is always "agin' the government," and even when he is in the government he wants to burst it up, for the sake of being "agin' it." During Mr. Martin's tenure of office he did much to reform the civil service. Among other things he insisted on an early hour to commence work, and in order to set a proper example, he is said to have slept in the Parliament buildings, so as to be on time if "anything was doing" in the morning.

JAMES DUNSMUIR, member for North Nanaimo, is the silent member of the House. He held the office of premier for two years. He owns and operates the largest coal mines in British Columbia, and he "knows his business" in this respect. One of the shrewdest calculations he ever made was being born the son of his father, since which time he has continued accumulating wealth. Like most successful men, he has many enemies, but those who know him and have business dealings with him, appreciate his many good qualities. Mr. Dunsmuir is Scotch, and being Scotch is canny. Just now he is said to be troubled with insomnia, supposed to be the result of "lying awake at nights," figuring out how he can best advance the interests of labor unions and otherwise help along the son of toil.

AN ATTEMPT AT MACHINE RULE

The Conservative Executive Meet at Vancouver.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the Selection of Candidates—The Regulations Are Unjust.

According to the last issue of the Saturday Graft, whose editor happens to be one of the members of the Conservative executive, that body met at Vancouver before the opening of the Legislature and undertook to lay down rules governing the method of selecting Conservative candidates in the different electoral districts of the Province. Their work is now open to public scrutiny and criticism. In a previous issue of that paper and before the editor went to Vancouver it was laid down that the selection of candidates would be "uniform" throughout the province. Let us see what the alleged rules provide:

First—"Conventions for nominating candidates will be made up of delegates."

To those who believe that conventions are indispensable in the choice of candidates this does not seem an unfair rule, so far as it affects an electoral districts composed of towns at a distance from each other. We will see how it would work out in Nelson.

Second—"In city electoral districts one delegate for every 50 and fraction of 50 votes polled at the provincial election held in 1900, and if the city is divided into wards the proportion of delegates for each ward will be based on the votes polled in each ward at the last municipal election."

Third—"The election of delegates shall be at public meetings held at a designated central place in each ward in city electoral districts if the city is divided into wards."

Fourth—"At such public meetings only those who pledge themselves to vote for the candidate or candidates selected at the coming convention shall be entitled to vote for delegates."

It is reported that the editor of the Graft and present member for Nelson were both satisfied with their work and accordingly they consider it infallible. The following matters are pertinent, but obscure and undefined:

Who are at liberty to attend these public meetings? So far as the rules provide any person whether voter, Conservative, Liberl, or not.

Is it the intention to allow persons who are not members of the Conservative Association of the city to have a voice in the choice of the Conservative standard-bearer, and may any outsider have the same right as the loyal rank and file of the party?

It is true some sensible provision should be made for outside districts where in some instances there are no associations, but should the same rule apply where associations have been formed?

Then are public meetings in the East and West wards to be held simultaneously, or at different times, and are the persons who select delegates at one meeting in one ward to have the privilege of selecting delegates in another?

Are residents of a ward confined to voting in that ward, or may they choose which ward meeting they will attend?

Again, is a person to be precluded from voting as he sees fit or his "conscience directs" at the polls unless he agrees to abide by the decision of the delegates?

Is this a free country or not? Is the sweet will and pleasure of a delegate chosen for the purpose of selecting a candidate to take away the undisputed and incontestible franchise given by the law of the law of the land?

Enough has been said to indicate that the regulations formed are inadequate, unjust and require interpretation. Will the interpretation be "uniform" throughout the Province?

It has been urged before now that conventions do not usually represent the ideas of the rank and file of the party, and with all deference to the Conservative executive it is certain that their rules and regulations will meet with disfavor, and it should be left to the representative Conservatives in each riding to choose their man, even if their choice does not meet with the approval of men who can in no wise be classed as Conservatives.

After their visit to the power site on Kootenay River on Good Friday morning, the mayor and some of the aldermen and the city engineer visited the plant of the West Kootenay Power Company (His Worship showed great courage in venturing so near the "octopus which is sucking the life-blood from our veins"). While going over the plant the party were delighted and edified by Ald. Irving, who lucidly explained all the features of the great plant; the development and transmission of the electric current offer no difficulty to Alderman Irving and he astounded his brother councillors.

The public and high schools are closed until the 20th. The teachers of both staffs leave Sunday evening to attend the Provincial Institute meeting at Revelstoke. Nelson will be well represented, as her staff is accompanied by Inspector Wilson. Mr. Clark, of the High School is First Vice-President, and Mr. Sullivan is a member of the executive committee. The three named will also read papers. Mr. Wilson on school libraries, Mr. Clark on education of teachers, and Mr. Sullivan on geography of British Columbia. This will be the first time that the Provincial Institute has been convened in the interior and marks an important development. The schools and teachers of Kootenay are in no way inferior to those of the coast cities and they are receiving full recognition of this fact from the Department. Among other matters that will probably come up for discussion at the Convention, will doubtless be a resolution recommending action by the Department looking to the establishment of a uniform qualification for teachers for the Dominion and the abolition of Provincial boundaries in the granting of certificates. There are many difficulties in the way; it will necessitate a Dominion board of examiners, practically a Dominion Education committee, and will undoubtedly cause jealousy among the different provinces. In its favor is the privilege it will offer to teachers removing from one province to another without vexatious delays and examinations before qualifying again to follow their profession.

SIR WILLIAM'S SWELL DESK

The Postmaster-General's Roller Top Cost $165.

THE MINISTER OF MILITIA

Also Got a Fine Piece of Furniture—Labor Minister to Consider British Columbia Strikes.

Correspondence Toronto Telegram.

OTTAWA, April 3—W. H. Bennett, of East Simcoe, who is "Billy" Bennett everywhere about the House—where all the members are, like Brutus, "honorable"—William Bennett talked on the subject of desks. By diligence the House, in supply, came to the page in the annual magazine of the Auditor-General where the enteries pertaining to the purchase of desks were. Bennett, of East Simcoe, noticed that the tastes of the different purchasers differed on the subject of furniture, some being content with the best that could be bought. He called the attention of his fellow-representatives to the modesty of Mr. Fisher, whose desk cost the trifling sum of $40. In contrast to this was the desk of Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, also of Defence. Sir Frederick had got his clutches on to a desk valued at $155, sale price. Mr. Bennett recalled the occasions when in the course of his career he had been called upon to purchase desks. He had always been able to satisfy his wants at an outlay of $50, an excellent desk being procurable at that figure. But the style of the Ministers of Defence and Militia was eclipsed by Sir William Mulock. The Postmaster-General's roller-top cost $165. Mr. Bennett remonstrated with Sir William. He viewed the question from the standpoint of the agrarians for whom Sir William sat. He asked the Minister to furnish for the farmers details of the roller-top.

Sir William, however, was displaying a partiality for the conversation of Dr. Sproule. Yet might he not have escaped had not Dr. Peter Macdonald discovered the proximity of 6 o'clock. "I do now leave the chair," said the doctor.

"It was a desk I was talking about," said Bennett, "not a chair."

There were other jests. George W. Fowler made one. Mr. Fowler represents the New Brunswick riding of King's.

The Hon. James Sutherland was endeavoring to convince the House that the new are lights which glimmer through the prism glasses in the roof were good lights, that the illumination was better than it was before.

"Why," said Mr. Sutherland, "I can see these figures quite plainly," and he gazed at certain Public Works estimates.

"Ah," said Mr. Fowler, of King's, "but these are large figures."

"Ha! ha!" said the House.

Ralph Smith, with the ardor of a man nearer than speaking terms to his subject, pictured the industrial turmoil of the Pacific slope, and called on the Government for a commission of enquiry. The Vancouver man made an impression. "I have worked," he said, "in mines," and he told about them. The fact that the speaker was a representative of organized labor was not unduly emphasized in the speech.

The business interests of the Province of British Columbia, Mr. Smith argued, were being seriously interrupted. Fuel was cut off by the inactivity of the Crow's Nest Coal mines. One class of men on the C. P. R. were on strike—a serious strike. The mines of the Wellington Coal Co., on Vancouver Island, were closed down. Why? Because the men had decided to join a union affiliated with an American union. Four thousand people depended absolutely upon the operation of these mines, and the community had become disorganized. The government, in Ralph Smith's opinion, ought to be clothed with authority to intercede in such a case. Contract-breaking by union employees Ralph Smith would not defend, but he would have an equal measure of condemnation accorded to tyrannous employers.

Twenty years ago the Wellington Coal Co. got from the government 1,900,000 acres of land, with all the minerals on Vancouver Island. They were freed from taxation forever, and received also $750,000. All these things they received, and the government had no single authority over the company.

Mr. Smith invited Sir William Mulock, as Minister of Labor, to take these matters into consideration, and suggested a commision to go to British Columbia and take evidence under oath.

Once again John Charlton found an illustration in the United States. He reminded the Government of the lesson of the anthracite coal strike, and of the work of the commission.

Macpherson, of Burrard, briefly supported the statements of Ralph Smith and Arthur Puttee asked why the former commission in British Columbia had been cancelled.

EASTERN CANADA.

Ingersoll and St. Thomas are both agitating for canning factories.

Ten steamers laden with steel Canada will leave Antwerp and Rotterdam this month.

Only two officers and four noncoms. are taking the short course at Wolesley Barracks, London.

The G. T. R. has placed an order with the American Car and Foundry Company of New York for 500 freight cars.

The body of Alfred Franklin, of Aultville, was found in the St. Lawrence River. He was drowned last Christmas.

In response to a demand by the union, the master carpenters of Kingston have increased wages to $2.25 a day for nine hours' work.

A public meeting will be held in Montreal on April 14th to discuss the advisability of perpetuating the memory of Sir Hector Macdonald.

A movement is on foot at St. Catharines to get all business men to close their places at 6 o'clock five nights in the week, and 10 o'clock on Saturday.

Geo. Mackenzie, of Campbellford, has been arrested on the charge of obtaining two gramaphones from W. F. Jones, of Belleville, under false pretenses.

A caucus of Conservative members was held at Ottawa, at which it was decided that Mr. R. L. Borden, Mr. John Haggart and Mr. F. D. Monk should be the representatives of the Opposition in the committee to frame the schedule for the redistribution act.

CHARLES LEVER'S CHARACTERS

Whence Did the Novelist Get His Rollicking Irishman?

THE SECRET DISCLOSED

Probably from the Annals of the Old Connaught Rangers.

No one who claims to be a great novel reader can make that claim good if he has not read "Charles O'Malley." One man in Nelson says he has read the book once a year since 1876. There is that preculiarity about the novel that it can be read several times, and not lose its interest, something that can be said of very few other stories. It has often been asked whence did Charles Lever get his rollicking Irishman? Prof. Oman, in his preface to the re-issue of William Grattan's "Adventures With the Connaught Rangers," discloses the secret. It was clearly, he avows, from the domestic annals of the old eighty-eighth foot in the Peninsular days that Lever drew the greater part of the good stories which made the fortune of "Charles O'Malley." Many of the characters in that romance appear in the flesh in Grattan's reminiscences. Notably:

"The eccentric surgeon, Maurice Quill, whose fame was so great throughout the British Army that the novelist did not even take the trouble to change his name. His colleague, Dr. O'Reily, was almost as great an original. Many of the humors of Mickey Free seem to be drawn from the doings of Grattan's servant, Tom Carsons.

"Comparing the real thing," Mr. Oman goes on, "with the work of fiction, one is driven to conclude that much of it was only a photographic reproduction of anecdotes that he had heard from old soldiers of the Connaught Rangers."

The Dominion Gouernment has appointed Chief Justice Hunter and William Lyon MacKenzie King a commission to investigate labor troubles in British Columbia. This commission will begin its labors almost at once, so that its findings may be placed before the House this session. The appointment will meet with approval in British Columbia.

Prof. Charles Kelly, well-known in British Columbia, and his daughter Miss Hattie Kelly, have resigned their positions of organist and choir leader, respectively, of Knox church, Guelph, to take similar positions in the First Presbyterian church at Vancouver, B. C. They are well-known as musical entertainers of a high order all over the province.

All the banks and public offices were closed on Good Friday.

The executive of the Dominion Day celebration committee met last evening and spent some time talking over a programme for the two days' sports. Mayor Rose acted as chairman and Fred Starkey was appointed permanent secretary.

John Houston has been in the city the past few days and leaves for Victoria to-day.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue THE ECONOMIST is reduced to $1.00 per year (in advance), and in order to settle old subscriptions at once, all subscribers in arrears, who will pay up on or before April 15th, can do so at the rate of $1.00 per year. If not paid at that time, the old rate of $2.00 per year will be charged.

This week THE ECONOMIST has been enlarged, and it is hoped to double its present size within the next month or so. Several new departments will be added, and it is hoped to make the paper interesting enough to become a regular visitor to nearly every household in Nelson and the Kootenays.

NELSON, March 14th, 1903.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

By a straight party vote the Legislature of Ontario has decided not to investigate the charges made by Mr. Gamey, but to authorize two judges to answer questions on the subject submitted by the government. Then the disclosures must be made in the newspapers. The extent and nature of the corrupt practices by which the Liberal administration has maintained itself in office will be worthy of study by some of the "practical politicians" of British Columbia. In Ontario, we are informed, office-holders are not bullied, insulted and "held-up" by private members of the Legislature. That would not be an efficient or thorough system. There, subscriptions to the party funds have been collected by a duly authorized agent of the government, and the amount of such subscriptions is regularly fixed by authority. Of course there are other sources of income for some of the members than their dividend from the surplus of the campaign fund. For instance, the proprietor of a newspaper, or perhaps of only a job printing office, is elected. Now, the Independence of Parliament Act forbids his acceptance of printing or advertising contracts from the Legislature of which he is a member; but an easy way of taking the contracts while avoiding the penalties for violation of the law has been found in the organization of joint stock companies. Sometimes these are only nominal, but, of course, it does happen occasionally that the company is real. Such member, in spite of his "sessional allowance," sometimes becomes financially embarrassed to such an extent that he is compelled to pass the hat round his circle of friends and victims. Happily, British Columbia is still untainted by these vices of the effete East. Our members are all men of substance and honor—too honest to steal or defraud and too proud to beg or blackmail.

A correspondent asks:

"What is a mugwump?"

"Are there any mugwumps in Nelson?"

(1)—Nuttall's dictionary defines mugwump as a word of American origin and usage; "one who holds himself free to vote for such candidates and with such party as he may deem best for the public welfare, and who will not vote for a candidate whom he considers unfit for office."

(2)—We are constrained to believe there are mugwumps in Nelson.

It must be rather exasperating, even if amusing, to Conservatives to be told by the Tribune that they must do just as that paper tells them. The Tribune presents the peculiar anomaly of an avowedly Liberal paper controlled by a man, who, though he recently professed a change of political heart has not yet brought forth fruits meet for repentance, and who is not regarded as a Conservative by anyone who reads his paper. During the absence of the responsible editor, the Tribune is edited by a man who has been an unflinching supporter of the Liberal party since it secured office in 1896. Yet this collection of political hermaphrodites have the impertinence to tell life-long Conservatives that their choice of candidate will in no way be recognized, and that they will have to submit to the dictation of this job-lot of political odds and ends and insolent interlopers, or be read out of the party they have supported all these years through good and evil report. However, there is an amusing side to this affair. No one takes the outfit seriously but themselves, and there is no disposition to regard them as anything but what they are. No one is apt to be guided by a half-dozen or so designing fellows, who would at any time sacrifice their "political principles" for a good breakfast.

For the first time the announcement is made that Zola, who used his pen on others as a dissecting knife, submitted himself, some years ago, to a detailed medical examination in the general interests of anthropology, frankly recognizing the fact that Max Nordau saw in him an excellent illustration of his theory of the connection between genius and degeneracy. Not all those observations nor his own answers to questions about himself were published during his life, but there is now no need for reticence. He had a wrinkled forehead when he was six; he had "morbid ideas" until he was thirty-five; and then, when success came in at the door, they escaped by the window. With his intellectual power went a lack of nervous equilibrium, and though he had a strong will and tenacity of purpose, he had feeble powers of concentration and attention, and in later years an uncertain memory. He had bad sight, and no ear for music. The French experts who examined him gave their verdict in a word—he was a "neuropath."

The rules laid down by the "executive" of the Provincial Conservative Association for the guidance of Conservatives in the selection of candidates, are rather startling, and seem to have been designed solely to suit one man's purpose with regard to the disposition of the city of Nelson. As the Conservatives of Nelson have already selected their candidate, there does not seem to be any good reason why the "executive" should tender its good offices to them at this late hour in the day.

It was not altogether fair for the "executive" of the Provincial Conservative Association to "gold-brick" Mr. Charles Wilson with that fearfully and wonderfully constructed set of resolutions. The Conservative leader is an unsophisticated gentleman, and the "executive" should have spared him the indignity of fathering resolutions that are quite as meaningless as they are absurd.

Nelson Liberals are altogether too slow. The Conservatives had their candidate in the field three weeks ago and the Liberals have got no further than a series of executive meetings.

The Conservativss of Ymir district are arranging to hold a convention on some date within the next week or two for the selection of a candidate. Let the good work go on.

The friends of Mr. Lennie have been making a vigorous canvass and have arrived at the conclusion that he will be elected by a large majority. It is more than likely that Dr. Hall will be the Liberal candidate, and it just possible the "populists" may conclude to place a man in the field. But the latter will cut no figure, more than to perceptibly reduce the vote of Dr. Hall.

Lowery and Macadams are moving slowly but surely on Vancouver, and expect to storm that fort about the 15th of April.

Foreign migration to the United States is heavier than ever before. During the month of March, 72,000 passed through the bureau at New York, thus exceeding the month of March, 1902, by 18,000, the total having been 54,000.

It is given out by his friends that John Houston will not try to dodge if nomination lightning flashes around him. In this connection it might be interesting to mention that the political weather prophets fail to prognosticate any probability of an electrical storm of the character indicated.

Subscribers in arrears to THE ECONOMIST, are notified for the last time that only three days remain in which they can liquidate their indebtedness on the $1 basis. After April 14th, delinquent subscribers will be expected to pay up at the old rate. Over one hundred old subscribers have already taken advantage of the reduced rate.

Delayed freight has compelled THE ECONOMIST to change its brand of printing paper this week.

THE PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Phoenix Pioneer.

Could there be any better argument for compulsory arbitration than the disastrous strike of the coal miners employed by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.? Both sides are always losers in such struggles, and in this case thousands of innocent persons, hundreds of miles from the ceal mines, are directly and seriously affected.

Inland Sentinel.

That in referring to lack of prosperity in the mining industry the government should lay the blame on strikes shows that they have lamentably failed to grasp the situation. That labor disputes have proved injurious is unquestioned, but they are not by any means the most blameworthy. Fake mining schemes, wildcat companies, and—more than all, entrusting the management to incompetents—are more responsible for mining failures than any other combination of conditions.

Fort Steele Prospector.

In actual development the mining industry of the district has made great progress during the past year. Many new and important strikes have been made all over the district, and it stands to reason that when the Kootenay Central Railway is completed there will be many producing mines scattered along the route of the proposed new railway. With the rapid development now going on, it certainly does not seem strange that active measures are taken to connect the Kootenay and upper Columbia valleys by means of a railway with other portions of Canada.

Grand Forks News-Gazette.

Yale-Cariboo, in which the Boundary is situated, has been divided into two constituencies by a line running north and south. The action of the government will meet with general disfavor. In carving up the half of British Columbia for electoral purposes the present riding should have been divided by a line running east and west with the main line of the C. P. R. as the northern limit of the southern constituency. As now arranged, this district will be incorporated with a portion of Cariboo, with which Southern British Columbia has no real community of interest.

Rossland World.

Premier Prior's government has entered upon a policy of labor legislation with regard to the settlement of labor disputes which entitles it to praise from those who have the proper settlement of these at heart. But the praise is certainly one that will have to be qualified. As the World has more than once pointed out, labor disputes are not amenable to conciliation, especially if the interests involved are considerable. It is claimed on behalf of the proposed act of the government that it is an improvement upon either those of New Zealand or of the Ottawa government now under consideration.

Kamloops Standard.

Some of our lower mainland friends seem to think the Standard is going too far in its support of the Prior Government, and that the other wing of the Conservative party have a right to differ if they please. Now, we want it distinctly to be understood that we have no wish to see the Conservative party such a machine made affair that no member has any opinions other than those manufactured for him, but we do wish that we could agree as a party to differ on non-essentials and come together as a united whole to meet the electors of this province. Can anyone tell us what good will accrue to the province or the party by continual bickering? Personal ambition within bounds is commendable, but personal spite does no one any good, and this is what nearly all our politicians seem to have forgotten.

Fernie Free Press.

The strike is settled, and settled in a manner that offers fair security against any further trouble between the Coal Company and its employees until April 1st, 1903. What this means to Fernie is difficult for any one to grasp who has been associated with the district only during the past twelve months. In that time two disastrous strikes have run their course, one quarter of the year was consumed in settling these strikes and the advantages accruing from the other part of the year counted for little when the balance sheet was complete. Besides these serious strikes there were smaller matters which threatened to result in serious strikes and which consequently had a disastrous effect upon trade. All this happened in less than one year, and now we are to have industrial peace for a period of two years, and by the expiration of that term we believe that the two parties to the contract will each be working in such perfect harmony with the other that the 60 days' notice clause will have no significance to them.

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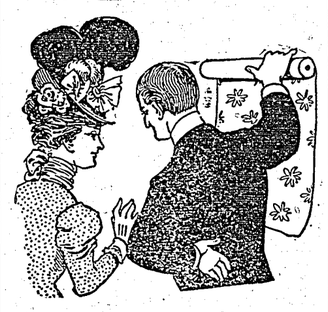

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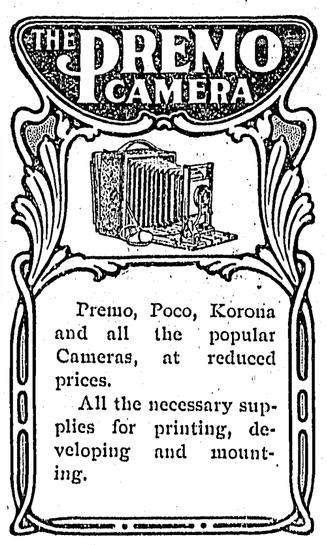

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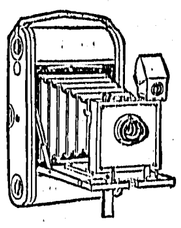

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ROMANCE OF DELL.

Dell was tall. He had hair naturally blond and soft and it had been bleached by sun and weather until it was as lifeless as cured hay. His face was tanned and he walked with the uncertain, lounging gait that comes from traveling after the plow, toiling over soft ground and keeping foothold on steep hillsides.

Dell had lived to be 24 without even so much as looking at a girl since his schooldays. In fact, Dell would have had little time to devote to girls. He was busy from early morning until night about the farm, and when there was a few days' respite there he hitched up his team and drove to Groveland to help his brother in his celery and sweet corn fields.

One day there was excitement in the Mason farmhouse. Dell brought a letter from the postoffice to his mother, and she read that Miss Hamilton, who had extensive forest interests in the vicinity, would be her guest for a day or two while looking over her property.

"Do not make any fuss for me, please," Miss Hamilton wrote. "I know how busy you are at this season. Have Dell 'run down' a hen and let me have a potpie for dinner."

Dell smiled at the mention of his name. He had been too young to remember Miss Hamilton when she went away, but he was proud to know she remembered him.

"I suppose I'll have to meet her at the t-r-a-i-n," said Dell, with the peculiar drawl that had come down to him from Puritan Green Mountain ancestors. "I suppose I'll have to dress u-p."

"Of course, Dell, and put the best harness on the horses and take the wagon down to the creek and wash off the mud."

"I guess she'll get used to m-u-d," said Dell.

When the train climbed the hill and finally stopped at the hillside depot, Dell was waiting, holding tight rein over his fractious farm horses, which were unused to the "chaff chuff" of the exhaust of the locomotive. Two women were handed down from the vestibule. One Dell knew was Miss Hamilton and a small blond person by her side was a stranger.

"You are Dell, I know," said Miss Hamilton, coming up. "This is my friend, Miss Sayles," and the blond vision smiled at Dell and showed her pretty white teeth.

"Can you get in?" asked Dell, for the horses were restless and he couldn't get out to assist them, and all the way down the hill he sat very straight and handled the lines, conscious that the prettiest girl he had ever seen was sitting behind him and probably contrasting him with the men who drove for her in the park and on the city boulevards. When he stopped the horses at the farm gate and helped the ladies down from the high wagon, he thought to himself that it was like lifting a doll when Miss Sayles put her foot on the step and held out her hands to him. If she had been looking at him, she would have seen that he blushed clear up to his faded white hair. But she wasn't looking. She saw only the farmhouse hidden in the trees, was conscious of the drifting scent of violets from the garden and felt the sunlight falling like a benediction over all.

Dell watched her going up the path to meet his mother standing on the porch in her best calico dress and fresh gingham apron. "She looks like a yellow bird," he said to himself. A thousand times he had seen a graceful bird poise just as she was poised on the step of the porch, seemingly ready for flight into space.

The story of how Dell came to worship at the fair girl's shrine is a short one. The first thing he did that morning was to pick a great bunch of violets from the border for her. In the afternoon he was her guide to the innermost recesses where nature slides away her spring jewels of hepatica and arbutus. He threw stones into the creek that she might cross without wetting her dainty feet. He showed her where the wintergreen berries grow thickest and laughed because she was afraid to eat them. He did not say much. Dell seldom said much, but he loved to hear her talk.

"She's a pleasant girl," said the mother to Dell that night.

"Yes," said Dell, "she's a great t-a-l-k-e-r."

Miss Sayles might not have felt complimented if she had heard Dell's comment. It was sincere. To Dell it was a great thing to be able to talk well.

The days following were full of delight to the girl. All the glories of the spring were heaped upon her. Birds awakened her in the morning with a thousand musical voices. She brought home loads of delight from the fields and woods in the afternoon, and in the evening Dell told her stories of autumn hunts and huskings. He told how a woman he know had become a missionary.

"And she has gone to teach the heathen?" asked the girl.

"N-o," drawled Dell. "I guess she's what you'd call a home missionary. She goes around blacking s-t-o-v-e-s."

Dell's mother explained that the woman in question had a lightning blacking outfit, and she went about the neighborhood blacking stoves without charge just to occupy her time and benefit the appearance of her neighbors' kitchens.

There was a world of tenderness in Dell's voice when he talked to the girl. Seldom did he grow tender in his words, however, only once, when they were sitting on the porch toward evening and a mosquito came humming about Dell's ears. He struck at it with his open hand, and it flew toward the girl.

"Don't send your mosquitoes over this way to bite me," she said.

"That's what I'd do if I was a mos-q-u-i-t-o," said Dell without a smile and with a degree of earnestness that almost frightened her. She went into the house then, and Dell saw her no more that evening, and there was a little strain in his left side that almost choked him when he thought of her. He told his mother what he had said.

"I meant it, t-o-o," he said and then added desperately, "I wish I was a mos-q-u-i-t-o."

"Dell," said his mother, "you must not say such things. She won't like it. She isn't plain, like us, and she won't know how to take it. But they are going away in the morning, so you must be up early to drive them to the station."

As the train left at an early hour every one was awake soon after daybreak. When the girl came down stairs dressed for her journey, she looked around for Dell. He was not there. His place at the breakfast table was cleared. The mother bustled in.

"Dell had to go to Groveland this morning," she said. "Little Peter Ferguson will drive you to the depot."

"But he didn't say goodby to us," said the girl. "I call it unfair of Dell to go away without saying goodby."

"Well, he had to go early, and you wasn't up," said the mother, "and he said I wasn't to disturb you."

Dell, driving down through the shady roads of the way to Groveland, with his white slouch hat over his eyes and his shoulders stooped forward as one sits when thinking, heard the whistle of the train at the crossing and stopped his horses until the last rumble of the wheels had ceased. Then he touched his horses with the whip and went on. For the first time the birds sang unnoticed over his head. He didn't see the carpet of dandelions by the roadside, nor did he hear the tinkle of the brook as it dropped over the slate ledges into the ravine. He heard nothing but a sound of a young, joyous voice that had made music for him for a week and saw nothing but a glint of yellow hair that was really nothing but the sunshine playing about him.

And that night the girl went into Miss Hamilton's room, and sitting down on an ottoman laid her head in the other woman's lap and cried:

"What is it, Bernardine? Aren't you happy?"

"Yes," she said, "I am happy, but I want to go back, I want to go back. Do you suppose I will some time?"

"I think it very likely," said Miss Hamilton.—Katharine Hartman.

SALLADE OF A FRIEND.

A friend, a quaint and prudent friend,
It is my happy chance to meet
As on my daily walks I wend
Through dust and dizzle, cold and heat,
To my salute upon the street
Or in the shop or at the door
His lips immutably repeat,
"I'm fair to middling—nothing more."

Of stature tall, he's prone to bend.
His face is patient and discreet.
A subtle charm his manners lend.
He is composed from head to feet.
His glance is keen, his garb is neat,
His beard is long and thin and hoar,
And is this phrase his one conceit:
"I'm fair to middling—nothing more!"

He's oft absorbed, I apprehend,
In thoughts of some polemic sheet
Whose view he labors to defend
Or strives to controvert and beat.
His intellect is clean and sweet
And quick and lucid to the core.
From his reply there's no retreat—
"I'm fair to middling—nothing moral"

ENVOY.

As pure as gold, as good as wheat,
His answer I do not deplore.
I love to hear, when him I meet,
"I'm fair to middling—nothing more!"
—A. T. Schuman in Boston Transcript.

A Singing Mouse.

A good deal of skepticism prevails as to the fact of there being singing mice, but, having kept such a songster for four years, an English gentleman is in a position to speak with authority:

She was caught in a coal mine, was brought to the surface and handed over to the narrator. Thus commenced an acquaintance which soon ripened into intimacy and which was only terminated by her death. There was no doubt about her song—a pretty birdlike warble, rising and falling alternately and of sufficient power to carry from the top to the bottom of the house when all was quiet.

In appearance she was just an ordinary house mouse, with the usual well groomed coat, the cascade of whiskers, the beady black eyes and an elegant tapering tail, like the rest of her tribe. It was her song alone which singled her out from the dumb millions of her fellows, and this song she poured out almost without intermission during her waking hours.

Our First Flag In Action.

Daring Paul Jones, commander of the Bonhomme Richard, had the honor of hoisting the first flag of stars and stripes over an American vessel, and this same flag was also the first to be saluted by a foreign power in recognition of the United States. This historical banner still exists and is in possession of the Stafford family, descendants of the Lieutenant Stafford who during the battle between the Bonhomme Richard and the English ship Serapis, leaped into the sea to rescue this flag and then nailed it to the masthead. The flag was made in 1777 by Misses Mary and Sarah Austin, under the direction of General Washington and Captain John Brown. It was presented to Captain John Paul Jones, who carried it to victory many times and finally gave it to his trusted lieutenant. The flag is made of English bunting. Originally it was 6 feet wide and 15 feet long, but it is now not over 7 feet in length.—Chicago Record.

OUR LITTLE GRAY HELPER.

Poorly Equipped by Nature, Yet He Does His Work Well.

Myrta Lockett Avary tells in St. Nicholas of the work done by the humble earthworm. The author says:

We have a little gray helper who cannot hear, nor see, nor make any noise. He wears a little gray coat, and he lives in tiny caves which he burrows out for himself. Our little gray helper has no feet, so he crawls.

He works busily for us all day in the ground under our feet, coming out chiefly at night to get his food. Then he does not take anything which any one wants, but only fallen leaves and bits of stuff which no one cares about and which are best out of the way.

Although much less fortunate than we, having neither legs, nor feet, nor hands, nor eyes, nor ears, he has all that is necessary to the performance of the work he has to do, and since our little gray helper has all he needs and does his work, and does it well, we may think of him as being quite content and happy, and since the work that he does for us is very necessary and important work and since he does it excellently well we need not regard him with less than respect.

He has a system of blood vessels, a nervous system, and—yes, a brain. When you come to consider him under a microscope and in relation to the work he has to do, he is quite an interesting and exquisite bit of mechanism. He uses his brain and has wisdom to know what to eat and how to get it. Though he has neither eyes nor hands, before taking anything into his cave he examines it carefully by means of his one sense (touch) and with his little upper lip, which the scientists call prostomium. This lip is very sensitive.

He is prudent and thrifty, always dragging into his little house enough to secure him against the coming day, for blind and deaf as he is he knows it is not wise to be out in the daytime, for the birds and their babies like him entirely too well. He also knows that, being of a chilly nature, he will need to be wrapped up a bit when he goes to sleep in his cave, so he makes his own little bed of blades of grass and bits of leaves which he has dragged in with the little lip that does so much. He seems to like fresh air when he can get it, so he rests with his head near the mouth of his cave, and Mother Nature, realizing that this might give Robin Redbreast an unfair advantage of him, provides him with a head covering darker than the rest of his coat and very nearly the color of earth.

The Baby's First Shoes.

Every one who has had the care of small children has noticed how the progress of a baby just beginning to walk is retarded by the putting on of shoes, even those with flexible kid soles. However soft the kid may be, it cramps the tender foot, and it is always some time before the baby adjusts itself to the new conditions.

The length of time varies with different children, some taking to the strange footgear readily, while others take days to do so.

In one case known to the writer a precocious baby who walked early positively refused to put his foot to the ground with the new shoes on them. When they were taken off, he was ready to stand or step, but when they were on he regarded them calmly, making no open objection, but could not be coaxed to walk.

In this dilemma baby's mother chanced to see the story of a similar case in the family of an army officer, where the difficulty was solved by the use of a pair of moccasins such as are worn by the Indians, a diminutive pair of which had been given by a squaw. She purchased a stout chamois skin and manufactured a pair, guided by a pair of squaw's moccasins which were among her souvenirs of a trip to the Pacific coast.

The new footgear worked like a charm. Baby accepted it with satisfaction and wore the moccasins until he was old enough to walk on the street and desired to put on "shoes like other boys." After the first pair they were made with double soles, which were sufficiently thick for outdoor wear.

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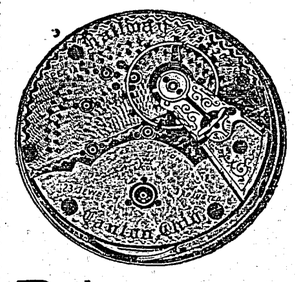

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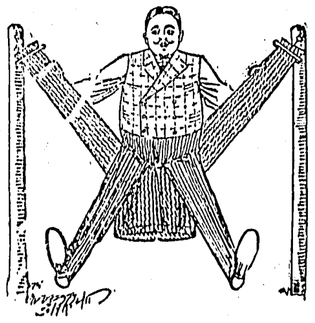

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VENT AND OSSIP

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the Opera House on Monday, April 6, when Miss Maclachlan gave her Scotch concert. There is something about a Scotch concert that is sure to attract a large audience and the one on Monday evening was no exception to the general rule. Miss Maclachlan enjoys the distinction of having sung before Queen Victoria, and is perhaps the best singer of Scotch songs heard in Canada in recent years. Before going on the stage she sang for several years in church choirs, and even then had attained almost national celebrity. Miss Maclachlan has a vibrant voice, just and true. She gave many selections, all of which were applauded to the echo, but the one that seemed to reach the hearts of her audience was the "Blue Bonnets Over the Border." In order to vary the programme, she gave an Irish selection, "Barney O'Hay," and showed that she could give the brogue almost as well as she could the broad Scotch. Miss Dean is a pleasing violinist, and when it is considered that she has been only a few months on the concect stage, it seems a marvel that she plays so well. Mr. Buchannan is a very clever accompanist. Altogether the concert merited the appreciation and patronage it received.

In the past, Nelson theatre-goers have lived on a diet of melodramas, farce comedies and minstrel shows; now they will sit down to a feast of tragedy. Harold Nelson, who comes to the Opera House, Monday, April 20th, has the reputation of being one of the most capable leading men in the country. He has surrounded himself with a company eminently qualified to produce high-class plays.

The following are the bookings at the Nelson Opera House for the next ten weeks:

April 13—Nelson Amateurs.
April 20—Harold Nelson, one week.
May 13—Watkin Mills.
May 18—Clara Hanmer, one week.
June 8 and 9—A Wise Woman.
June 15—Ed. Redmond Co., one week.
June 23—Trebelli.

The disagreeable weather is having a disastrous effect on local business. Usually at this time of the year, the merchants are rushed with orders for seasonable goods, but this year little or nothing has yet been done in these lines. A little warm weather would have a beneficial effect on business.

Last Tuesday afternoon at Victoria Rev. Dr. Reid united in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Eugene Miller of Nelson, B. C., son of Mr. Munroe Miller of Cedar Hill, and Miss G. Pollock of Victoria. Miss Pollock, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was ably supported by Mr. A. J. Mortimer. The happy couple left by the evening boat for Nelson.

James McGeer, the world renowned orator, who campaigned the Kootenays three years ago in the interests of Joseph Martin, is well known throughout British Columbia. The Vancouver Province thus relates the story of how Mr. McGeer was "fooled" on the 1st of April. "Mr. Jas. McGeer had a candidate at the late Dominion election. Mr. McGeer also had a horse, and he has that horse yet. He has lost his candidate but he is still the boss of the horse. These lines are preliminary. Now comes the main event. As most people who know Mr. McGeer are aware, he sells milk and deals in horses between elections. Some time ago Mr. McGeer raised a beautiful colt with a pedigree as long as his tail, and the tail reaches to the ground. The colt was related to every horse who was anybody that ever lived, and was also supposed to be so fast that they had to pour water on the road that he went over, to keep the clay from being burnt into bricks. Mr. McGeer used to say to his friends, as he got them into a corner, that when he speeded his colt, he often had to wave both hands to push back the atmosphere as he rushed into it. The colt ran one race. Mr. McGeer drove him. Mr. McGeer and his colt were outside the money. Yesterday was the 1st of April, and Mr. McGeer got a letter. The letter was from Seattle, and was on the stationery of the Hotel Butler. The writer, who signed himself J. H. Willnot, apologized to Mr. McGeer for troubling him, but stated that he had heard that Mr. McGeer had a trotting horse that was fast, and that he would beg the liberty of offering $1500 and a bulldog for him. Then Mr McGeer got to work. He wired an acceptance of the offer. He stayed up until it was too dark to see, plaiting the mane and tail of his horse Brian Boru. He tied all kinds of ribbons around the animal's neck, and then headed a procession to the steamer to send the racer to Seattle. Mr. McGeer found out on the wharf that the letter was written by a Vancouver man who is now in Seattle. Furthermore, that the letter was dated the 1st of April. Mr. McGeer took his horse home."

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LACROSSE.

Grand Forks will have an intermediate lacrosse team this season.

Rossland will have a good team this year, and are anxious to play Nelson as soon as a match can be arranged.

The Territorial Lacrosse Association met yesterday at Medicine Hat. There were representatives present from Calgary, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Wolsely, Moose Jaw, Regina and Indian Head. Officers were elected for the year and the scedule for the season was arranged.

Barney Quinn will probably play with the Ottawa Capitals this year.

Rossland lacrosse club organized last Wednesday evening.

The Vancouver lacrosse club held its annual meeting last Tuesday evening and organized.

The combined lacrosse team from the two universities which is to tour Canada and the United Srates this summer, as at present arranged, will consist of ten or eleven Cantabs and five or six Oxonians. The team will be under the auspices of the Cambridge university lacrosse club. The first match will be played with Harvard, and this is considered a happy fixture, as it will precede the Harvard-Yale baseball match. The remainder of the tour will be arranged later. It will be begun at Boston and end at Montreal.

FOOTBALL.

The Cranbrook football club will hold a meeting on Tuesday evening to arrange for the conducting of the sport in that town.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Scotland defeated England for the championship by 10 points to 2.

BASEBALL.

The New Westminster baseball club organized last Tuesday evening.

LAWN TENNIS.

The annual meeting of the Nelson Lawn Tennis club was held Monday afternoon in the chambers over the Bank of Montreal. The following officers were elected: H. Selous president; S. S. Fowler, vice-president; W. P. Dickson, secretary; F. Pinkham, treasurer; J. J. Campbell, J. M. Hedley and H. W. F. Pollock, committee.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

The Fernie Athletic Association held its annual meeting last Monday.

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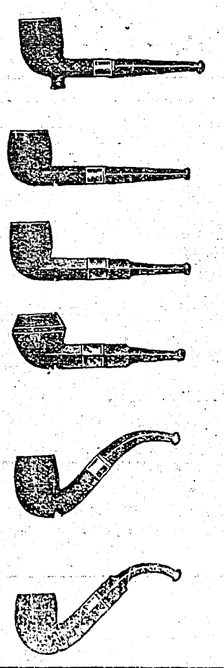

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Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner

To George Nowell or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Nowell," "Robber King," "Tamarack" and "Annie G." Mineral Claims, situate on White Grouse Mountain, Goat River Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

You are hereby notified that we have expended for assessment work and recording fees on the above named Mineral claims for the past three years the sum of Twelve Hundred and Thirty ($1230) Dollars, in order to hold the said claims under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditures together with the costs of advertising, your interest in said mineral claims will become the property of the subscribers under the provisions of Section four of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act, 1900."

Dated at Nelson, B. C. this 27th day of March, 1903.

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Take notice that I, Robert Wetmore Hannington, of Nelson, B. C., acting as agent for James H. Moran, Free Miner's certificate No. B69,157; Charles W. Greenlee, Free Miner's certificate No. B69,158; and Honorable Andrew G. Blair, Free Miner's certificate No. B62,859, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

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

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Notice To Delinquent Co-Owner.

To Dan Palmer or to any person or persons to whom he may have transferred his interest in the "Alverstone" and "Pilgrim" mineral claims, situate on the Divide of Bird and 40 creeks, Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay:

You and each of you are hereby notified that I have expended two hundred dollars in labour and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim in order to hold said mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of such expenditure together with all costs of advertising, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber, under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Mineral Act, 1900."

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Dated this 5th day of February, 1903.

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