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Activity About Kimberley.

The Sullivan mines are shipping about a carload of ore daily. Surveys are being made for a tramway from the mine to Mark creek, at a point a short distance below the terminal of the North Star tramway. N. C. McKinstry who has been at the Sullivan for some time, has left and will shortly commence work on the Big Dipper.

Over 100 tons of ore is being daily shipped from the North Star.

At the Quantrell new buildings are going up for the needs of the men, and a flume is being built for a water supply for the camp.

Kimberley is going right ahead, and it is predicted that its population will be doubled this summer.

Vote for Wm. Fernie.

Mining Notes.

The St. Eugene concentrator is to be again enlarged.

Samuel Levett of Pilot Bay, who is largely interested in copper properties on the west fork of the St. Mary's, was in town on Tuesday.

A contract has been awarded to Jack Olsen to extend the tunnel on the Dibble group of mines for a distance of fifty feet.

A. T. Caldwell is still down at the Old Abe. What is to be done with the property has not yet been ascertained.

Work is being continued on the Estella and the property is improving.

With the work now being done on the Montana, Mr. Bielenburg believes a good property will be opened up.

Considerable work is being done on the different claims on Perry creek.

A large amount of assessment work is being done on claims on the St. Mary's and its tributaries.

Work has been temporarily suspended on the Black Bear.

On Wild Horse.

There is more activity on Wild Horse this season than for several years past, many of the placers are in active operation, and quartz mining is being extensively carried on. At the John Bull group several men are employed in development. The Golden Five is showing up well with the work which has been done. The Dupont and Big Chief will make a good showing in development this summer. The new galena proposition recently located by Felix Rock is showing up well with the little work which has been done. Over the divide from Boulder creek a tributary of Wild Horse work is being done on the claims known as the Star Group. In addition to these there are a number of smaller properties all being developed. There is every reason to believe that this season will witness great changes in the mining situation.

Vote for Wm. Fernie.

Distinguished Visitor.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dart Lord Bishop of Kootenay will arrive in Fort Steele today and be the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Procunier at the vicarage. He will conduct the morning service at St. John's Church on Sunday at 11 a.m. and preach the sermon. During the service he will administer the rite of confirmation. His Lordship will visit Cranbrook and conduct the evening service.

Wheelbarrow Wager.

In case Mr. Fernie is elected Ed. Highwarden is to wheel Monte Carlo in a wheelbarrow from the Windsor Hotel to the Steele House. Should Mr. Smith be elected Monte will take Highwarden over the same route. So the public will have a wheelbarrow exhibition in any event.

MEETING AT VANCOUVER.

Martin, Wilson, Cotton and Smith On the Platform.—More Rotten Eggs at Victoria.

Vancouver, June 6.—An independent labor mass meeting was held tonight, when all labor candidates spoke, also Premier Martin, Chas Wilson, Carter Cotton and Ralph Smith. It was an unusually noisy meeting, with hooting and hisses from beginning to end, and no one was heard without interruptions. Cotton in deploring what he termed a plague of Martinism, said, that it not only caused a good government to be defeated and dissolution of the house, but had seriously affected the honor of the Lieutenant Governor. He stigmatised the Minister, as a one man government with a cabinet of clerks. Ralph Smith made a semi private declaration tonight after the meeting that he had been approached by Mr. Geo. Kennedy on behalf of Martin, proffering him a seat in the cabinet, in the event of his accepting the offer, the suit against the new Vancouver Coal Co. would be dropped immediately and the company given a good title to the property. While these facts have been surmised to some extent already, it only needed this unequivocal statement of Smiths to make patent the methods of Martin to construct a cabinet and hold power.

Smith has an affidavit signed by fifteen witnesses to the above effect and will publish it tomorrow.

Victoria, June 6.—When Perry Mills and Jardine were leaving the Metchosin meeting last night, their buggy was covered all over with rotten eggs by those present. The meeting was boisterous, Mr. Bizautson, the Martin candidate, several times offering to go outside and thrash the most noisy of the ones interrupting.

Vote for Wm. Fernie.

The Fernie Meeting.

A meeting called in the interests of Mr. Fernie was held in Fernie on Monday evening last. It was presided over by Mr. Fernie.

The speakers were Messrs. Smith, Fernie, Harvey and Ross. The hall was crowded although no notices of the meeting were circulated until 4 o'clock.

Mr. Smith stated his case in a clear and more forcible manner than he has yet done in this campaign. Mr. Fernie spoke for thirty minutes. He was logical and evidently had his audience with him. Mr. Kerr of Phoenix added nothing to what he said at Fort Steele on Friday evening of last week, and did not once allude to the Mackintosh letter, nor did he speak from a text. Mr. Harvey captured the meeting at once and gave cogent reasons why Smith and Martin should be defeated, he was frequently interrupted with prolonged applause. The impression is gaining ground that Fernie will roll up a big majority for its home candidate.

RESTING IN PRETORIA.

Boers Concentrating Twelve Miles East of Pretoria.—Boers Will Occupy Majuba Hill and Other Points.

London, June 7.—Lord Roberts is resting his tired troops in Pretoria and collecting supplies prior to his advance against the Boers new capital at Lydenburg. Delayed dispatches state that General Botha made no serious attempt to hold Pretoria, but fought a rear-guard action to gain time for his retreat.

The Duke of Norfolk is reported injured in the fight before Pretoria.

Among the captured 18th Yeomanry are several noblemen.

London, June 7.—According to dispatches received today the Boers under General Botha are concentrating in the neighborhood of Hatherly, twelve miles east of Pretoria. From the same source it is learned that the British prisoners are being removed to Novitgedac, an unhealthy spot in the Elands valley.

The strained relations between the secretary of war Lord Lansdowne, and the British commander-in chief, Lord Wolsely, appears to have reached such a straight that but for the exigencies of the situation, Lord Wolsely would have resigned. It seems that Lord Lansdowne attempted to usurp authority always heretofore wielded by the commander-in-chief, and the latter is now said to have laid the whole matter before Lord Salisbury.

London, June 7.—A Boer report says that General Buller has requested a three day's armistice. The military experts here are inclined to believe that a revised version of the story will show that Buller has summoned the federals to surrender or evacuate their position in three days, failing which he would attack them.

New York, June 7.—Great numbers of the enemy will occupy Majuba Hill, Laing's Nek and the Pagwana range as far east as Englebrecht's pass, says a Newcastle dispatch to the Herald dated Monday. On the Balasburg the position they hold are particularly strong. Generals Botha, Fourie and Pretorius are in command. Should they obstinately refuse to yield and still continue fighting they will in all probability fall back on Lydenburg by way of Ermelo, with prospects of a safe retreat in the almost inaccessible mountains of the Murchison range. Their task is to prevent General Buller's entry into the Transvaal by way of Volksrust can only result in failure and unnecessary loss of life on both sides.

At Tobacco Plains.

The Queen's birthday was celebrated by a picnic given by the school trustees to the children of the public school. All kinds of sports were indulged in, not only by the children but by the parents. All reports are to the effect that it was a day not soon to be forgotten.

Respect your interests in South East Kootenay by Voting for WM. FERNIE.

His Nibs Fighting Joe.

To all well-wishers of the Kootenay district the assurance which is every day becoming more marked, that utter defeat awaits the plans of the Hon. Joseph Martin on the 9th of June cannot fail to be most gratifying.

Everywhere now his insidious and discreditable methods of operation are being recognized, and with the unmasking of the man, and the exposure of his mean ambitions, to serve which he would not hesitate to ruin the country, those who, at the opening of the campaign, professed, if not friendship for his cause, at least admiration for his courage, now only express disgust at his callous effrontery.

The miners of the Boundary country are already pronouncing in favor of Governor Mackintosh, and we expect any day to hear that the great majority of the working miners in the Rossland camp are in opposition to Fighting Joe and his lieutenant, Mr. Smith Curtis. The more they consider the matter the more, we are certain, they will conclude that it is to their highest interest that the present government should be defeated, and that the candidate of good legislation in this riding should be sent to the House of Assembly. —Rossland Miner.

Smith-Curtis said last night that he were unquestioningly following the leadership of Joe Martin. What is that the good book says about the blind leading the blind and both eventually falling into the sewer?—Grand Forks Gazette.

Joe Martin has been telling the voters of Vancouver island that he is the architect of his own political fortunes. He may be, but he'll fail to get a building permit on the 9th of June.—The Pioneer.

In a speech at Victoria Minister of Finance, J. C. Brown said: "And up in the upper country, judging by the reports, he could say the mountains of Kootenay were vocal with the name of Martin." Has anybody heard the mountains groan lately?—Trail Creek News.

If elected what influence can Mr. Smith wield at Victoria Should he be in the Opposition or if his chief is returned to power he must support every Government measure so far as carrying out the radical legislation outlined by Mr. Martin.

If you wish capital to come into the country vote for Fernie.

As a representative from the constituency Mr. Fernie will have infinitely more influence than his opponent. He knows the needs of the district and will see to it that East Kootenay is not overlooked in the appropriations for roads and trails.

A thin-skinned man should never enter politics. If he is afraid of criticism the best plan is not to invite it.

A man never knows what a disreputable character he is until he enters politics.

Vote for Wm. Fernie.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.

A HOT MEETING AT FORT STEELE.

Called in the Interest of E. C. Smith.—It Turns Out to Be for William Fernie.

The meeting on Friday evening was evidently intended for the supporters of Mr. E. C. Smith, the Martin candidate: so said the notices that called the meeting, which, by the way were not circulated until late in the afternoon, possibly for reasons best known to Smith's committee.

There was a large audience present, and as usual the chairman, Henry Kershaw, took advantage of the occasion to open his mouth and advertise THE PROSPECTOR. After boring the audience for about fifteen minutes, he introduced the "Silent Candidate", who made a few remarks.

Mr. William Fernie was then called upon, and who stated his position in the campaign in a forcible and logical manner. After speaking the allotted time he was called down and Mr. Kershaw again arose, bored the audience for five minutes more, and then introduced the orator of the evening.

Mr. Kerr commenced his remarks by referring to the chairman as the "Ministerial Chairman", which caused a ripple of laughter throughout the audience. Mr. Kerr said he would, in deference to the chairman, speak from a text, and then he sailed in and spoke for over an hour in defence of Joe Martin, and attempted to impress the idea that he was a "white-robed angel", a friend to the laboring man a foe to corporations, the greatest railway builder the Province has ever seen, and a lot of other truck which "Eight-Day Joe" and "Gramaphone Baxter" had already regaled to the Fort Steele people. He was listened to with attention and given a most respectful hearing.

After he concluded his remarks the chairman asked if anyone in the audience wished to ask any questions for Mr. Kerr to answer In reply there were loud calls for Mr. J. A. Harvey, and they were continued loud and strong until Mr. Harvey ascended the platform and in a short time in proper language demolished the situation that Mr. Kerr had so carefully constructed, and had the audience with him. Mr. Smith looked anxious, Mr. Kerr moved uneasily in his seat, and Mr. Kershaw appeared as if he was sitting on needles. They consulted together and finally called time, saying that Mr. Harvey had already spoken thirty minutes, while in fact he had only spoken twenty minutes. The chairman tried to speak but the audience did not want to hear him. Mr. Harvey went on and finished his remarks amid loud and prolonged applause.

The chairman again arose and tried to speak, but the audience was "Ag'in the Government" and the chairman, and drowned his voice in loud cries for W. R. Ross. The chairman tried to quell the tumult but without avail. When there was a lull he would open his mouth to speak, when he would be shut up, and the demand for Ross continued. This was kept up for fully fifteen minutes. By this time it was clearly to be seen that it was a Fernie meeting, and the chairman so recognized it, and allowed Mr. Ross to be heard. Mr. Ross gave the Government some hard knocks. He suggest that Mr. Kerr should make himself more fully acquainted with Joe Martin's history in Manitoba. He referred to Martin's connection with the "Yellow Dog" Grits in Manitoba, to Martin's exploits in British Columbia where he was posing as "Eight Hour Joe". He finished by saying that from now until June 9th he would be known as "Eight-Day Joe", after that his name would be "Dennis".

Mr. Kerr again arose and made an attempt to refute some of the Opposition arguments which had been presented. He was called down by Mr. Harvey, and finally abandoned an unequal contest.

The chairman, seeming afraid that some other Opposition speaker might come to the front quickly commenced to sing God Save the Queen, and the audience dispersed satisfied that it was the best Fernie meeting yet held in Fort Steele.

Notes of the Meeting.

Mr. Kerr is a pleasant gentleman but a novice in politics.

The people of Fort Steele are tired of Henry Kershaw, who gets above the duties of chairman to make a few remarks on his own account.

Kershaw has done more injury to the Smith cause than any other man in the district. He says that he has had experience as a chairman but does not state where.

"And the ass opened his mouth and spake".

We have heard Fighting Joe, Gramaphone Baxter, Whirlwind Kerr and Candidate Smith, and it is doubtful if they have gained a single vote in this constituency.

Messrs. Kerr and Smith with their friends went to Kimberley on Saturday night.

It had been reported that there was no one in this riding that could answer the arguments of Gramaphone Baxter or Whirlwind Kerr. These gentlemen, however, have ascertained that all of the debaters are not from the coast.

Mr. Kerr is from Phoenix. His candidate will be so incinerated by June 9th, that there will not be a possible chance for him to rise from his ashes.

Vote for Wm. Fernie.

Information Wanted.

Anyone who knows of the whereabouts of John Alfred William Astor will confer a favor by communicating R. L. T. Galbraith, Fort Steele. When last heard from by his relatives in England he was at Forest Lake, Manitoba, this was on November 27th, 1894. Letters were addressed to him at Fort Steele.

Fighting Commenced In China.

Washington, June 6.—The secretary of the navy has received the following cablegram from Admiral Kempff, commanding the Newark, lying at the Taku forts at the mouth of Poi Ho river, dated Taku, June 5:

"Engagement has commenced. Have landed a force of 50 seamen more, battalion of marines.

KEMPFF."

The cipher message is not legible and it is supposed at the navy department that the admiral means that he has landed 50 seamen.

London, June 6.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says:

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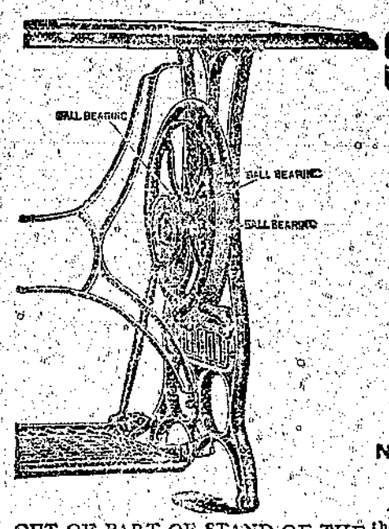

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Dated this 1st day of March, 1900.

HARVEY & McCARTER,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

Take notice that I have made application to the Honorable The Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special licens to cut timber on the Crown Lands hereinafter more particularly described situate near Elk River about two miles north of Fernie in the District of East Kootenay: Commencing at a post ½ mile north from the N. W. corner of Lot 3047; thence west ½ a mile; thence south one half a mile; thence west 1½ miles; Thence south ½ of a mile; thence east 1¾ miles; thence north 1½ miles to place of beginning. Containing 1000 acres more or less.

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Dated this 1st day of March, 1900.

DALY & HAMILTON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

Certificate of Improvements.

NOTICE.

BIG CHIEF, LITTLE CHIEF, EUREKA, "GENEVA AND MELTON FRACTIONAL MINERAL CLAIMS."

Situated in the Fort Steele Mining Division of South East Kootenay District.

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Geneva, adjoining the Eureka Mineral Claim.

Melton Fractional adjoining the Eureka Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, William Roderick Ross acting as agent for the Hastings British Columbia Exploration Syndicate, Limited, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 11792, 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 for each of the above claims.

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

Dated this 17th day of February, 1900.

WM. R. ROSS.

8-16 F. M. C. No. B 9612.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Charles Estmere, all business in connection with the Kimberley townsite, on and after February 16th, 1900, must be done through the office of the Fort Steele Development Syndicate at Fort Steele.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1900.

Political Notes.

Mr. Smith's friends are trying to elect their candidate by circulating lying reports broadcast over the riding.

Mr. Fernie is growing in popularity every day, and upon election day the electors of South East Kootenay will give him a handsome majority over Costigan and Smith.

Costigan is a man of promises. He has promised the Steele people that if elected he would be pleased to identify himself to their interests. As the matter stands, it is Cranbrook, first, last and always.

Politics are red hot in South East Kootenay. At Cranbrook Costigan called Baxter, who represents E. C. Smith, a liar.

E. C. Smith impresses his audience as a man who has passed into the winter of life. His appearance on the platform invokes some sympathy, but not enough to effect the electors in their way of voting.

The manner in which Messrs. Harvey and Ross floored Messrs. Kershaw, Kerr and Smith on Friday last, is the talk of the district.

According to the testimony of Messrs. Smith, Baxter and Kerr, all that is needed for their champion, Joe Martin, is wings.

Martin has proved himself in Manitoba and British Columbia to be an unscrupulous politician who has no regard for the truth.

Defeat Joe Martin and his representative in this district, and the flag of peace, contentment and prosperity will be floating all over South East Kootenay.

Henry Kershaw, chairman of the Smith-Martin meetings, impresses the people as a man who has something at stake, as a man who was looking for the best of it. His senile, effeminate appearance on the platform is such as to cause the electors to say, "that like master, like man, he's N. G.

If Costigan is not elected he will doubtlessly damn every elector in the riding that did not vote for him, also THE PROSPECTOR.

Politics for the past month has been the all absorbing theme. People who have been expressing themselves on the issues of the day have run down, and to day are repeating the old-time political chestnut of "I told you so." The wise-acres have demonstrated their ability to run a campaign. The defeated candidates are putting up all manner of excuses as to why they were not elected, and damning THE PROSPECTOR, which will always be an important factor in the interest of South East Kootenay.

Though favored with an early season it looks as if the work of prospectors and miners will have to be carried on without the assistance of the Government towards road and trail building.

A provincial government in a country containing not exceed 200,000 people, is taking a large burden upon its shoulders when it proposes to build several hundred miles of railway.

The chairman of the Smith meeting on Friday evening of last week, had a voice that would raise the envy of a crow, he succeeded in making a royal purple jackass of himself. Such people ought to be kicked out of a political meeting, let alone preside, as they annoy and disgust the intelligent voter.

F. S. Baxter of Vancouver and a Mr. Kerr of Phoenix, have been in South East Kootenay to educate the miners, that Joe Martin, Eight-hour Joe, is the best premier in Canada. After Messrs. Harvey, Ross and Costigan got through with Messrs. Baxter and Kerr, it appeared that his name was "Eight-Day Joe and he would get his needings today.

It is high water for Joe Martin at present, though the tide is slowly ebbing; on today the tide is out and so is Joe Martin.

E. C. Smith has a new gramaphone. The first one he had became rattled at Cranbrook. The new one, a Mr. Kerr of Phoenix, run into a Fort Steele cyclone on Friday.

Mr. Kerr who is doing the talking for the "Silent Candidate, is a gentleman, who, when off the platform, is all right. He says that Fort Steele is the most beautiful townsite in East or West Kootenay, and that Fort Steele is to be congratulated on its orators.

Mr. J. A. Harvey put a most beautiful seal-brown finish to Kerr's speech on Friday night, and when he finished and took his seat, the whole audience rose in a solid body and gave three cheers.

After Billy Ross concluded his speech on Friday night it looked as if it was a Pretoria celebration. Eight-Day Joe will be buried today.

The political meeting on Friday evening was a walkover for the Opposition.

It looks as if E. C. Smith was afraid to meet his opponents on the platform. No notices of his meetings are given out, until it is too late for the Opposition to bring their guns into action.

The "Silent Candidate" don't want any Opposition talk at his meetings.

Many people who attended the Grapho-Amliphone exhibition on Tuesday evening last were much disappointed; they though that Baxter had come back.

Kerr, the oratorial whirlwind, in speaking of the chairman of the Smith meeting on Friday last, said:—"That ministerial fellow is the d—dest ass I ever saw." Other people in Fort Steele quite agree with Mr. Kerr.

Between Harvey, Ross and Costigan, the Smith speakers are having a monkey and parrot time in this constituency.

Kerr went to Fernie on Monday, and in the same coach were Messrs. Harvey and Ross.

The Moyie Leader tells its readers that Mr. Costigan's election is assured. Mr. Smith must have made a thorough canvas of the district to arrive at that conclusion.

Mr. Costigan's organ, the Moyie Leader, actually believes their man will be elected.

The candidature of J. R. Costigan has never been taken seriously by the electors of this riding. After tomorrow he can return to his law practice a sadder if not a wiser man.

Mr. Costigan objects to being called a Conservative, and denies that in this campaign he is out as a straight Conservative. THE PROSPECTOR has taken the gentleman's statement and made the correction. What more does he want.

The Winnipeg Voice calls the present election in British Columbia a struggle between capital and labor. The editor must be in close touch with the issues which are dividing the people in this campaign. So far as we can learn it is a fight between Martin and those opposed to him.

Joe Martin Kicked.

Joe Martin objects to paying railway fare. When he made his grand tour of the Kootenays his transportation took him to Kootenay Landing only, where it became a question of dig-up. He induced the conductor to telegraph to Winnipeg for transportation to Fernie and return to the Landing. The answer from the greedy corporation, promptly forwarded while Joe was enroute to Fernie, was, "Yes". It is doubtful if he would have visited East Kootenay if transportation had not been forthcoming.

IS THE LIQUOR LAW IN FORCE.

Go Straight.—Comply With the Law.—Safe-Guard Your Interests.

The Liquor License Act of 1899 having been disallowed by the Dominion Government, Joe Martin says there is now no law in force in British Columbia regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors except in the extra municipal territories.

The office of the Attorney-General is responsible for this bald assertion.

To our mind "The Act Respecting Liquor Licenses" in British Columbia is in force today just as much as it was in force on the day it became a law.

Joe Martin in his official capacity in Manitoba has had bills disallowed many times, and there is no one in British Columbia that is more fully acquainted with the British North American Act than Joe Martin. In drawing our conclusions we are of the opinion that Joe Martin is trying to mix up these matters, making possibly some political capital is his favor, throwing all business connected with the Act in utter confusion, in the end. Causing all troubles, confusion and responsibility to rest with the incoming house.

We again say that there is no responsible lawyer in the Province and particularly in the Fort Steele district, that, after having carfully read section 56, and section 90, of our law for the British North American Act, is the law of British Columbia, that can truthfully say, that the liquor law of 1899 is not now in force. Yes! and Joe Martin knows full well that the law is in force.

We are in receipt of communications almost every day regarding this matter, seeking information as how to proceed, saying shall we close our business or keep on, if so are we liable to prosecution, and if so under what statute.

We think the better procedure will be for all parties interested, to make application for licenses and renewals in just the same manner as in 1899. Send your fees to the finance minster, get your receipt for monies sent, notify the chief inspector for the district, in other words, comply with the existing law, then go ahead and do business, placing full responsibility just where it belongs—upon the Government.

Why Joe Martin has not notified the commissioners of this district that the law is not in force, we don't understand. A. B. Grace, commissioner, upon the disallowance being made know, immediately wired the Attorney-General for information, stating that a meeting of the commissioners would be held in a few days. In reply the statutes relating to the Liquor Law of 1899 were sent to him, and he was told to proceed under those statutes. No contrary information having been received by him as license commissioner, one would suppose that the Attorney General is of the opinion that the law is in force.

In conclusion our advice to those engaged in retailing intoxicating liquor, is, that they comply with the liquor law of 1899, pay all fees connected with the same, make the proper application as the law provides. Then if the law is in force, you are safeguarded to a certain extent, and if there is no law you can demand return of your money, for this Government does not want anything that does not in justice belong to them.

To the Electors of the Southern Riding of East Kootenay Electoral District:

GENTLEMEN:

At the request of many electors in this riding I offer myself as a candidate to represent the riding in the next Provincial Legislature and if elected will do all in my power to further the best interests of the Province as a whole, and of this riding in particular.

The platform upon which I am seeking your suffrage is as follows:

1 I am opposed to the present Government and in favor of the formation, irrespective of Federal party lines, of a strong, capable Provincial Government which will regain the confidence of the public and give encouragement to the investment of capital and at the same time safeguard the interests of labor.

2 The liberal expenditure of money throughout the whole Province on roads, bridges, trails and other works necessary for its proper development.

3 Restrictive legislation to keep out undesirable alien labor and the advocacy of every constitutional means to effect this purpose.

4 Government aid to railways in the Province where needed for development purposes.

5 Amendments to the Mineral Act.

6 While supporting the Eight hour law, I would favor any modifications or amendments that would tend to lessen the friction between capital and labor without impairing the principal involved.

7 Amendments to the Liquor License Act, simplifying the working of the Act and regulating the number of licenses.

8 Increased County Court facilities in this district.

9 A Redistribution Bill giving increased representation to districts that are rapidly increasing in population.

10 No interference with the location of the present Government buildings until the district is further developed and a change warranted by the necessities of public business.

11 Necessary steps to be taken to put the Labor Conciliation and Arbitration Act in force in the event of disputes between capital and labor.

12 Every constitutional means to prevent the employment of Mongolian labor on subsidised works in the Province.

It is my intention to meet the electors of the district prior to the day of election and more fully explain my views.

William Fernie

Fernie, April 16th, 1900.

MINERAL ACT, 1896.
(FORM F.)

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"MINNIE M." and "TIGER" Mineral Claims, situate in the Fort Steele Mining Division of East Kootenay District.

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

Dated this 5th day of May, 1900.

19- THOS. T. McVITTIE.

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Peter Anderson and David Ricker hereby give notice that they will apply for a special timber license to cut timber on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of Big Sand Creek, near the mouth of a small creek; and about eight miles from the railway, thence north 40 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence north 40 chains, thence west 160 chains, thence south 80 chains more or less, to the bank of the said Big Sand Creek, thence following the said bank downstream to the point of commencement.

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The Prospector

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1900.

MOST of the people in the Fort Steele district are engaged in mining. They have prospects which requires capital to develop. Under the conditions now existing people with money will not invest in British Columbia, nor will they until satisfied that the protection which is given the laboring man is accorded them. The policy of Joe Martin is to draw capital from the Province. Up to the time of the passage of the Eight-Hour Law the relations between the miners and mine-owners were amicable. There was no trouble about hours of labor. Even after the law was passed there was no objection made by the mine-owners to the law; they only thought that they should have been consulted when that radical legislation affecting the greatest business in the Province in which they were interested, came up. This, however, is ancient history, the law is here and it will stay, both parties most interested having accepted the situation. Still capital is not safe. Mr. Martin proposes to build a railroad from the coast, and will borrow the enormous sum of $10,000,000 with which to do it, should he be returned to power and be successful in carrying out his promises. It will require the amount of $400,000 per annum to meet the interest until the road is completed, and this must be raised by taxation, and when completed it is doubtful if the road will pay the fixed charges, and the railway instead of being a benefit, will be a drag on the people. This is why capital refuses to come into British Columbia, it will not enter a country where it is to be taxed out of business.

In addition to this the Province cannot guarantee the payment of the interest on the amount borrowed, having absolutely nothing which financiers would regard as good security, and the giving of land to railway corporations is against Mr. Martin's platform, and the Province has no revenue except what comes from direct taxation. The question naturally arises, what are Mr. Martin's plans? So far he has not made it clear how the money is to be raised, or even how the interest is to be paid.

Something to Digest.

If the improbable should happen and Joseph Martin, ever again seeks the votes of British Columbians after his defeat on the 9th of June he will at least be able to say, "I have done something for the Province" for by that time he will have contributed several thousand dollars through his various candidates, in opposed elections.—News Advertiser.

In the extravagance of your hoodlum fellowship at a meeting of his followers says: "Now that we have smoked ourselves to proper dizziness we will proceed at once to public business. We must proceed though in the usual way, therefore all laws we made yesterday, we will repeal. This is the policy of Joe Martin.

The Vancouver correspondent of the Toronto World says: "The Martin committee have got lots of money and are spending it as freely as printers' ink", and insinuates that the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railway companies are putting up the dough.

In case Mr. Martin is defeated and Mr. Smith is elected what have the people of Fort Steele to look forward to. It is certain the district will get very little consideration from the new government.

It is predicted by a gentleman well able to judge, that in case Joe Martin is defeated East Kootenay will receive much more attention than has hitherto been paid to the district. Voters will bear this in mind.

If it is desired to have the mineral wealth of the district retarded for a couple of years, vote for Smith. If on the contrary it is the wish of the people to see the Fort Steele district go ahead, vote for Fernie.

The material development of our mineral can be assured should the Martin Government be defeated.

Smith is all right as a man and a citizen, but all wrong when he adopts the policy of Joe Martin the wrecker.

The friends of Smith claim he will have a majority of four in the constituency.

Smith will be hopelessly defeated in Cranbrook, sacrificed by those who promised to support him.

Henry Kershaw has seriously injured Smith's chances. But then a fellow will occasionally get it in the neck in the house of friends.

The Silent Candidate.

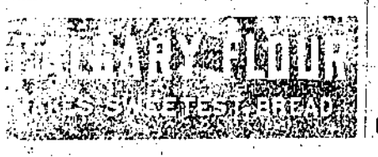
The "Silent Candidate" has never lost an opportunity to advertise THE PROSPECTOR by saying it is a "bread and butter outfit". Did the "Silent Man" ever take into consideration that all business is conducted with the same idea. Did candidate Smith ever think what a newspaper does for a town and the immense amount of space it devotes to showing up its advantages and boosting the resources of the tributary territory, for which it does not receive one dollar, and that a town without a newspaper is last in the race for supremacy.

It is only when a newspaper treads on someone's corns that the victim writhes.

Candidate Smith has been treated with great consideration by THE PROSPECTOR. He was not aware of the many things that could have been said to his political damage, which, out of feelings of warm personal regard, were left unsaid. He is coming out of the campaign but little tarnished by his advocacy of the political principles of Joe Martin. He has not forfeited the esteem of his fellow townsmen. The people were not opposed to the man but to the ruin or rule policy of his chief.

Two Victoria Crosses.

Nineteen years ago Lord Roberts received the thanks of both Houses of Parliament for his march from Cabul to Kandahar. He is the only man living entitled to wear two Victoria Crosses. His own he wears on his left breast, but the cross earned by his son he is not only allowed but commanded to wear on the opposite side. Even his horse has been decorated.



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The Friend of Labor.

John Houston has always been considered a strong friend of labor. The Martin Government are running Dr. Hall to defeat him.

Robert Green fought in the interests of labor. Smith-Curtis spent a week endeavoring to get a candidate that would cut into his vote, and at last succeeded.

Ralph Smith is surely a friend of labor, yet he has an uncompromising foe in the Martin government.

Thos. Forster has always been a champion of the labor interests, but Joe Martin keeps a special brand of abuse for his special benefit.

The labor men of Vancouver who know Joseph Martin, have been forced in their own interests to run two candidates against the Martin candidates.

Joe Martin says: "Death to the Chinese". Joe Martin's candidate in Richmond is Duncan Rowan, a cannery owner, who employs Chinese and believes in Chinese labor. Joe Martin's candidate in East Kootenay is C. J. Burnett, another believer in Chinese labor.

Joe Martin says: "Let us fight the Ottawa government and the Imperial government on the Chinese question," and at the same time defeat home legislation that would prevent the employment of Chinese in the mines.—Greenwood Miner.

The Universal Language.

There shall be no tongue but the English tongue, and the nations of the earth shall speak it. This could almost be cast into a prophecy that would stand an excellent chance of coming true. There is reason to believe the English language, with certain modifications is to become universal. At the beginning of the century those who spoke it did not exceed fifteen millions. Eighty years ago the number had increased thirty millions. No fewer than 120,000,000 are now English speaking. Twelve years ago Mr. Gladstone predicted that by the close of the coming century more than 800,000,000 people will use English for their common needs.

Contemporary Opinion.

One of the strongest objections to the return of Mr. Martin to power is that he is so absorbed in paying his personal debts of revenge that he forgets his duty as a representative of the people.—Rossland Miner.

What British Columbia wants above all else is a stable mining law, one that cannot be warped and twisted into a contradictory mass of legal lore at the expense of experimentalists. The law should be carefully revised by competent men, all ambiguities and contradictions eliminated, and the main essentials left plainly worded and decisive in tone. Prospectors as well as capital demands it.—Slocan Drill.

Sure to Win.

It is now known positively that Wm. Fernie will be the representative from this riding at the next sitting of the Legislature on July 5th. Costigan can't be elected here or in any part of the riding, save Cranbrook. Smith won't be able to get a majority at a single voting place in the district. The Government treasury will receive a deposit of $200 on June 9, and either Costigan or Smith will donate the money.

What's in a Name.

There was a red-hot political meeting in Fort Steele on Friday evening: it was called in the interest of Edwin C. Smith the Martin candidate. The feature of the meeting was the roasting of Martin and his candidate, by the opposition, Messrs Fernie, Harvey and Ross, who turned the affair into a genuine Fernie meeting, and as such it was a most successful one.

PRETORIA HAS FALLEN.

Welcome News.—Complete Triumph of British Arms.

London, June 5.—The war office has issued the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Pretoria, June 5.—We are now in possession of Pretoria. The official entry will be made this afternoon at 12 o'clock.

Six Miles Spruit, 8 a. m.—June 4.—We started this morning at daybreak and marched about ten miles to Six Miles Spruit, both banks of which were occupied by the enemy. Henry's and Ross' mounted infantry, with the West Somerset, Dorset, Bedford and Sussex companies of Yeomanry, quickly dislodged them from the south bank and pursued them nearly a mile, when they found themselves under heavy fire from guns which the Boers had placed in a well concealed, commanding position. Our heavy guns of the naval and royal artillery, which had purposely been placed in the front, part of the column was hurried to the assistance of the mounted infantry as fast as oxen and mules could travel over the great rolling hill surrounding Pretoria. The guns were supported by Stevenson's brigade of Pole Carew's division and after a few rounds drove the enemy from their positions. The Boers then attempted to turn our left flank, in which they were again foiled by the mounted infantry and yeomanry, supported by Maxwell's brigade of Tucker's division. As, however, they still kept pressing over our left rear, I sent word to Ian Hamilton, who was advancing three miles to our left to incline towards us and fill up the gap between the two columns. This finally checked the enemy, who were driven back towards Pretoria. I hoped we would have been able to follow them up, but the days are very short in this part of the world, and after nearly two hours marching and fighting, we had to bivouac on the ground gained during the day. The Guards brigade is quite near the southermost fort by which Pretoria is defended, and less than four miles from the town. French, with the third and fourth cavalry brigades and Hutton's New South Wales mounted rifles, is north of Pretoria. Broadwood's brigade is between French's and Hamilton's columns, and the Gordon's is watching the right flank of the main force not far from the railway bridge at Irene station, which was destroyed by the enemy. Our casualities, I hope, are few.

Lord Roberts' Promise.

London, June 5.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon, almost eight months after the declaration of war, Lord Roberts entered Pretoria. While the commander-in-chief of the greatest army Great Britain ever put in the field was fulfilling the promise he made to the Guards in Bloemfontein, to lead them into the capital of the Transvaal, England was celebrating the event with wild enthusiasm. Throughout the length and breadth of the country the news spread like wildfire. Based on the recollection of recent European wars, when the occupation of the enemy's capital signified the end of hostilities, Lord Roberts' telegram was taken to mean a finish of the war, which has tried Great Britain's military resources as they were never tried before.

Costigan, it is said, actually believes he will be elected. Bets are freely offered that he will not save his deposit with no takers.

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Notice is hereby given that William Fernie nominated as a candidate to represent South-east Kootenay Electoral District has appointed J. A. Harvey of Fort Steele his Financial Agent.

THOMAS EDE,
Returning Officer.

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Notice is hereby given that Edwin C. Smith nominated as a candidate to represent South-east Kootenay Electoral District is acting as his own Financial Agent.

THOMAS EDE,
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Notice is hereby given that John R. Costigan nominated as a candidate to represent South-east Kootenay Electoral District has appointed Sidney Frederick Morley, Barrister-at-law, of Cranbrook his Financial Agent.

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The Martin candidates in Kootenay are accusing every Liberal who opposes them of being bought, but never make any specific denial of the fact that Martin or his committee are putting up a $200 deposit so as to enable them to make a showing that Martin has a candidate in the field.

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To the Electors

Of the South East Kootenay Electoral Riding.

GENTLEMEN:

I am a candidate for your suffrage at the approaching election of a representative for South East Kootenay in the Provincial Legislature, and I make my appeal for your support as a candidate in opposition to the present Martin Government. While I expect to have the opportunity before the 9th of June of discussing the political situation upon the public platform and of clearly defining my position upon all questions of importance arising in this campaign, it is perhaps but right that I should take this earlier opportunity of announcing my platform upon the more prominent questions of the hour.

Therefore I Will Advocate:

1. The active development of all the natural resources of the province, not merely in proportion to actual annual revenue, but, if necessary, by pledging the credit of Province to that end, and not by increasing the burden of taxation, as suggested by Mr. Martin.

2. A government system of exploration of the natural resources of the Province with a view of ascertaining their locality and extent, and the publication of full periodical reports of such exploration, with maps showing trail, railway and water routes, for the information and guidance of prospectors and the public generally.

3. A generous policy of encouragement and assistance to railway construction throughout the Province by cash subsidy, surrounded by such careful legislation as will effectually safeguard the interests of the people. The necessity for railway development throughout the Province is apparent to all; but under the present conditions and limited revenue of the Province I decline to commit myself to a policy of provincial government construction, operation and ownership of railways. I shall have more to say upon this important question from the public platform.

4. The establishment and maintainance of a technical school of mines.

5. Amendment of the mining acts, particularly with reference to the inspection of mines and their greater safety, and, with reference to assessment work, claim-jumping, etc., and the obviation as far as possible, of the necessity of litigation in connection therewith.

6. The government of British Columbia by and for the people of British Columbia; and the fair, impartial and honorable administration of the public works and other public affairs of the Province, irrespective of local or political prejudice.

7. The exclusion of Federal party lines from British Columbia politics until the impossibility of stable government upon such a basis has been clearly demonstrated to both Federal parties.

8. The encouragement and development of farming, dairying, stock-raising and fruit growing, in the agricultural districts of the Province.

9. The establishment of a Bureau of Labor and Mining Statistics, under the control of a competent official exercising the functions of an arbitrator in the settlement of issues and disputes endangering the peace, progress and commercial interests of the community; thus avoiding, as far as possible, the delay, annoyance and expense of protracted litigation.

10. Greater expedition in the issue of Crown grants, and prompt departmental settlement of disputed claims.

11. The exclusion of Mongolian labor from competition with white labor within the Province by all constitutional means; remembering always that we are part of a great empire whose sovereign is entitled to our loyal support in the mighty task of that empire's government.

12. The district of South East Kootenay being essentially a mining district, the eight hour law is naturally a subject of vital importance to us. I have given this question a great deal of careful and conscientious consideration, and I am convinced that justice and the best interests of the country demands that with this law, it must be a case of "HANDS OFF." If elected I shall strenuously oppose any attempt to interfere with the law as it now stands (except, perhaps, to exempt from its operation a prospector personally doing assessment work on his own claims,) until such time as mine-owners and mine-workers unite in a formal appeal to the legislature by a resolution of their respective associations, for a change in the law. If such united appeal be not made, then, so far as my vote and influence can prevent it, no change will be made.

If honored with the confidence of the electors of South East Kootenay on the 9th of June next, I shall faithfully endeavor to discharge my duties as representative of the district honestly and impartially, and unbiased by local prejudices, or political or sectional affiliations, and beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN R COSTIGAN.

Cranbrook, B. C., 12th May 1900.

The Prospector.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1900.

Wages of Western Miners.

Miners deserve and generally receive fair wages in the western mining states, but the wages are not uniform by any means. The cost of living, of rent and of fuel vary in places, but the work is about all the same, hard dangerous and confining. In California, where all the conditions, climate, cheapness of breadstuffs and rent favor the underground worker, they receive $2.50 for 10 hours' work. In Nevada they are paid $3.00 for 10 hours' work. In Colorado $2.50 to $3.00 for ten hours work. In Leadville, which has an altitude of 10,000 feet, $3.00 are paid where the workings are wet, for ten hours.

In Utah miners receive $2.50 for eight hours work. It is understood by both the employers and employees that the eight-hour law is not acceptable in the mines. The more ambitious want to work 10 hours and get $3. They contend that eight hours don't keep the men occupied long enough. They drift around saloons and acquire the habit of drinking more than is good for them. It is also held that the ambitious miner who wants to increase their pay by increasing their hours of labor go to other states where the conditions for making more money by days labor better suits them.

In Montana miners' wages are about the same in every mining locality. Underground miners receive their $3.50 per shift, while a number of others, working in less laborious and less exposed situation, take a little less, but on the whole the Montana miner carries the blue ribbon wage scale among all the states, and the state has the best miners in the entire west. As a rule they are sober, reliable and thrifty. Those who have families support them in good shape and educate their children at the public schools without incurring costs they cannot bear. The Montana miner, though receiving the maximum wages, is exposed to the maximum discomforts and dangers attending his vocation. He treads no primrose lined pathway to the depths which take him to his daily labor.—Mining World.

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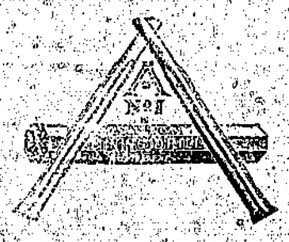

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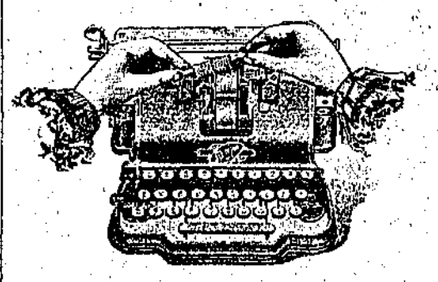

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The Prospector.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Vote for Wm. Fernie.

H. T. Brown the well known newspaper man of Spokane died in that city on Friday night of last week. Mr. Brown is well known in this section having established the Wardner International and later the Cranbrook Herald.

We have on file for reference by our readers the latest price circular of the McMillan Fur & Wool Co., Minneapolis, Minn., dated May 15th. Their advertisement will be found in another column, and we take pleasure in recommending any parties who have goods in their line to ship to them.

R. B. T. Galbraith has received a letter from Captain Parker, dated Cape Town, April 15. The many friends of the Captain in Fort Steele will be pleased to know that he is in good health and spirits and expected to start for the front in a short time.

Now is the time to insure. Remember the fate of the International Hotel, and call at once on M. A. BEALE,
Agent Imperial Insurance Co.

Rev. W. G. Mahon, a young Methodist preacher, will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday next at 8 p. m.

Brown Leghorn Eggs for sale from Prize Stock. $2 per setting of 13 eggs.
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While thousands of people are starving in India the export of wheat from that country goes merrily on.

John Grassick who has been sick for the past three weeks is about once more.

C. F. Hanington went to Fernie on Monday.

Political campaigns cannot be run on wind.

A vote cast for Fernie will insure the future prosperity of this district.

Twenty-two saddle horses were sent out to Perry creek on Thursday morning to bring in the voters from that section.

It is to your interest to vote for Wm. Fernie.

Rev. C. A. Procunier paid a visit to Kimberley on Wednesday returning on Thursday.

Vote for William Fernie.

Stephen Crane the author and war correspondent died at Baden Weiler on the 5th inst.

If you want ruin and destruction vote for Smith.

If you want prosperity vote for Fernie.

Word was received a few days ago, that J. W. Arthur will be in town before long.

You are sure to be right when you cast your vote for Fernie.

Vote for the Independent Candidate Wm. Fernie.

Rev. W. Reid will preach in the Presbyterian church to morrow at 7-30 p. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m.

The Fort Steele foot ball team has accepted the challenge of the Cranbrook team and will play at Cranbrook on Monday, July 2nd.

Rule or ruin Martin, retires to political obscurity today.

Rev. John Welch of Rossland is paying a visit to St. Eugene Mission, and came over to Fort Steele on Wednesday to renew his acquaintance with old friends.

The interests of this riding cannot be placed in better hands than those of Wm. Fernie, vote for him.

At the quarterly meeting of the Band Boys held last Monday evening the following officers were re-elected: Harry Barr, president and business manager; A. Neidig, musical director; F. A. Bale, Sec.-Treas.

David Griffith celebrated his 75th birthday last week.

W. B. Price, Cranbrook; J. R. Donaldson, Portland; Allen Dods, Vancouver; William McMillian, Fernie; J. J. Thorley, Montreal, were registered at the Windsor during the week.

Plaint Of a Has Been.

The old political war horse, in his own mind, Dr Hugh Watt, send a letter to the Cranbrook Herald, which had already been turned in to the PROSPECTOR for publication. Dr Watt was informed that there was no reason why it could not be published. On Wednesday the Doctor sends it to the Herald. As the PROSPECTOR does not play second fiddle to any paper in this district, it does not appear in this issue.

The Doctor is not a friend of Fort Steele as any one who will read the letter can clearly see.

Dr Watt is not an issue in this campaign nor will he ever be a potent factor in shaping the destinies of the Province or district.

There are two periods in a mans life when he is indiscreet, when in his youth full of life and vigor, and in his dotage when he is not responsible for his utterances. To sum up the letter is childish, and without a point. Dr Watt has not been attacked in this campaign for the reason that his influence is nil.

He rushes into print for the purpose of not being forgotten, failing to remember that he is a back number and was laid on the political shelf years ago. The letter will receive further consideration next week.

A Free and Independent voter in writing to the Fernie Free Press, says:—"Support the Martin government and you will make fast the halyards which will float the flag of poverty some day, over your homes. Support and elect Mr. Fernie and you will hoist the flag of prosperity. As he has done in the past, so in the future will you do by casting your vote on the 9th of June for him, sending him to Victoria to represent your interests. You will most certainly realize and benefit from the fruits of his labor in the future, as you now do by his labors in the past."

Latest From Pretoria.

London, June 5.—11:7 p.m.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

Pretoria, June 5.—Just before dark yesterday the enemy were beaten back from nearly all the positions they had been holding and Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry followed them to within 2000 yards of Pretoria, through which they retreated hurriedly. De Lisle then sent an officer with a flag of truce into the town demanding its surrender in my name. Shortly before midnight I was awakened by two officials of the South African republic—Sandberg, military secretary of Commandant General Botha, and a general officer of the Boer army—who brought me a letter from Botha proposing an armistice for the purpose of settling the terms of surrender. I replied that I would gladly meet their commandant general next morning, but that I was not prepared to discuss any terms, as the surrender of the town must be unconditional. I asked a reply by daybreak as I had ordered the troops to march on the town as soon as it was light.

In his reply Botha told me he had decided not to defend Pretoria, and he trusted women and children and property would be protected.

At 1 a. m. today, while in the line of march, I was met by three of the principal officials with a flag of truce stating their wish to surrender the town. It was arranged that Pretoria should be taken charge of by Her Majesty's troops a 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Botha and Mrs. Kruger are both in Pretoria. Some few of the British prisoners have been taken away, but the majority are still at Waterval. Over one hundred of the officers are in Pretoria. The few I have seen are looking well.

MARTIN'S TREACHERY.

He Would Throw a Debt of $10,000,000 On the Province to Obtain $100,000 Campaign Funds.

The political sensation which was sprung today by the publication of affidavits from E. C. Gardner and C. H. Austin, shows the extent of Martin's treachery, and his rule or ruin policy towards this Province.

The affidavit states, that on May 4th, R. A. Dickson of Grand Forks, B. C., with whom Gardner became acquainted last year, came to Seattle and told them that the object of his visit was to make some arrangements with President Jas. J. Hill of the Great Northern, or Mr. Kendrick of the Northern Pacific railway to obtain the sum of at least $100,000 for campaign funds, and in return for which the Martin Government undertook, if returned, to build a railway from the City of Vancouver to the town of Republic, Washington, and lease the road to President Hill for a long term of years, practically free. Gardner told Dickson that the N. P. P. would not be likely to do anything, and advised him to arrange a meeting with C. Hughes, solicitor here of the Great Northern. This was done and Dickson was introduced by Hughes to President Jas. Hill of the Spokane & Northern, the son of the president of the Great Northern. That gentleman at once took Dickson in his private car, on May 5th, to St. Paul, promising to use all his influence with his father. Dickson showed not only letters from Martin to Hill and Kendrick, but big documents in which Martin agreed, if his government got in, to fulfil his offer to the railway magnates. Dickson returned to Seattle from St. Paul and told affiants that he had been very successful, that Mr. Hill alone was all the backing they required, and that he had already forwarded $25,000, and would send another $25,000 and more if necessary. Martin being interviewed denied the story explicitly, although he says all contributions, no matter how large or small, to his campaign fund were always received and kept, provided no strings were attached.

James Shields, brother-in-law of Marcus Daly, died in Butte on the 2nd inst. of rheumatism of the heart. Mr. Shields has visited Fort Steele several times and is well known here.

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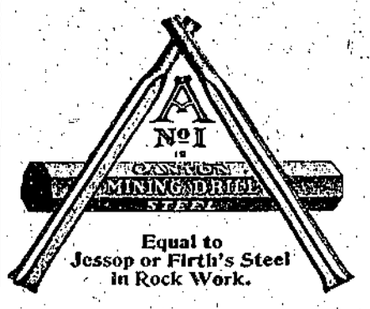

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