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News Notes.

At the last general election in Great Britain 3,667,000 votes were cast at an average of 82 cents a vote for legitimate expenses; in the English counties the cost was \$1.22 and in the boroughs 60 cents. This would seem cheap to the ordinary Canadian politician.

The Czar of Russia recently said to his royal cousin, the Duke of York: "The position of an emperor carries with it many hardships, many anxieties, but of all my duties I dread most is that of having to speak publicly, no matter how small the audience. People generally expect too much from an emperor. When I speak I feel how little they are getting."

There are lots of fellows lying around who would like to take the job of emperor and take chances on the speech-making.

The five Belgian engineers and 15 missionaries who had been kept prisoners at Pao-tung-fu for weeks, but were recently released under orders from Li Hung-ching, who directed that they have safe escort to Pekin, refuse to start, fearing treachery on the part of the Chinese escort.

Sir Alfred Gascoie has returned to Pekin after issuing orders that all the British troops except the Wei-hai-wei regiment shall prepare for winter. The American marines from Pekin have arrived here. Some of the French troops are leaving.

A thousand rebels attacked the town of Sui-wan, but were defeated. The troops here are being held in readiness for any emergency and the police forces along the Kooloon frontier have been increased.

Returning Canadians from South Africa have a fund of anecdotes and reminiscences to relate. One of these told how a British officer of high rank complained to Colonel Sam Steele that he could get none of his (Sam's) men to salute him. "Why," exclaimed Sam, in his stentorian tones, "d—f if they will me let alone you."

Later returns from England do not alter the gains of the respective parties. The conservatives have elected 322 members and the opposition 159, there are 189 constituencies to be heard from. It is estimated that the ministerial majority will be in the neighborhood of 150.

The United States is about to prod the Sultan in the indemnity matter; the bill must be satisfied promptly and in full. This decisive step is taken with a full determination of bringing Turkey to a prompt performance of its promises and obligations to the States.

In London a mysterious rumor is current respecting a sale of the "London Times." Alfred Barnsworth is credited with being the prospective purchaser.

The difference between theory and condition is exemplified by the approved suggestion throughout British Columbia that the provincial tax on metal ores be made differential; that is, practically, that the tax be doubled in the case of ores sent out of the province for treatment, the idea being to encourage local smelters which, in the main, is a good plan, but under existing conditions in British Columbia is not to be given serious consideration.

A mob in Chicago attacked a republican procession, and seriously injured several marchers. According to the papers Bryan and Roosevelt are conducting a vigorous campaign.

The American Tin Plate Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., have in operation 20 out of 35 of their plants giving employment to 35,000 workmen. There are 211 seats in the contract speed of 18 knots.

House of Commons and the present government 137, the opposition 77. The conservative party under the leadership of Sir Charles Tupper hope to reverse the present state of affairs on November 7th.

For ten months the Boxers have been engaged in murdering innocent people, the list of missionaries, men, women and children, will number thousands.

The British column had a three days' fight, October 3 to 7 inclusive, with Dewet's commando of 1,000 men and five guns. It took place in a veritable sea of mountains near here. The Boers were dislodged and dispersed, and fled demoralized. The British casualties were slight.

Mining Notes. Work on the John L. will probably be resumed in a short time.

The mineral exhibit at the Spokane Exposition is said to be better than any previous exhibit, and has attracted mining men from all over the country. British Columbia carried off many of the prizes. The Nelson display was the best and was awarded first prize. The Fort Steele district was unrepresented.

It is reported that a deal has been consummated whereby a well known mining claim on Wild Horse creek passes into the hands of a West Kootenay syndicate. The details of the transfer have not been made public.

William Alperson an old time mining man of Spokane, Ainsworth and Slocan, was in town on Tuesday, and left the same day for Windermere to examine and report upon some mining properties. Mr. Alperson has just returned from Europe where he has been for the past eight months.

A number of prominent mining men have recently paid Fort Steele a visit and they have been shown some of the many meritorious properties in this vicinity several have gone to Windermere. So far as can be learned their visit to the country is to size it up with a view of making investments next season.

There must be great activity in mining in South East Kootenay next season. In fact it is predicted that the good days of four years ago will be repeated, only with better results. All efforts will be directed towards legitimate mining and the introduction of mining men, men who have had experience and know a mine when they see it. This is the class of men needed in this country, and when they come it will bring money to go on with development and not depend on selling stock to obtain funds for exploitation.

A number of capitalists have visited the Windermere mining district during the past season and all speak in the highest terms of the mining outlook of that section. It is the possibilities of the Windermere mining region which is having the effect of pushing the north and south railroad.

This event will long be remembered by the participants, as being a pleasant and instructive gathering.

It was late when the programme was finished but every one went away feeling that aside from an excellent banquet, much good had been accomplished in the establishment of a Chapter in Fort Steele.

MASONIC GATHERING

Institution of Rocky Mountain Chapter. — A Splendid Banquet at the Imperial.

There was a large gathering

of the Masonic fraternity in Fort Steele on Tuesday last. The occasion being the institution of Royal Arch Chapter R. A. M. There were present representatives from all over the province. Among the distinguished visitors were eight Excellent Companions E. C. Chipman of Kaslo, Grand Master H. H. Watson of Vancouver, Companion George Johnson of Nelson, Grand Master A. W. R. Markley of Calgary, Companions A. C. Moffit, Cranbrook; C. P. Huntington, Winnipeg; E. Hargrave, Blaine, Oregon; Don McKay, J. R. Larson of Butte Mont. and Brother Hargrave of Blaine, Oregon.

Newly Raised Candidate by Doctor Burnell of Fernie.

Health of North Star Lodge.

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THE BANQUET.

The Banquet was all that could have been desired nothing seemed to have been omitted, and every one present were loud in their praises of the good things which were served.

After the edibles had dis-

appeared, toasts were in order. J. F. Armstrong and R. L. T. Galbraith acted as toastmasters. "The Queen" was responded to by Companion Chipman in brief but appropriate remarks.

"The Craft" responded to by H. H. Watson of Vancouver, Grand Master of British Colum-

bia. Our Visiting Brethren, and Grand Lodge of Manitoba re-

sponded to by Companions Han-

nington, Hargraves, Moffit, and

Markley.

"Health and Prosperity of

North Star Lodge" was respond-

ed to by W. R. Ross, J. D. Mc-

Bride, J. F. Armstrong and A. W. Bleasdale.

"The Press" by A. B. Grace.

Remarks were also made by

Companions Johnson, Markley,

McBride, Galbraith, Harvey and

Past Master Ross.

The banquet was the most

successful ever given in Fort

Steele and reflects great credit

upon the gentleman having it in

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A BLUE SMOKER.

Local Members of the Masonic Order Entertain Their Guests.

On Wednesday evening, Grand

Master H. H. Watson paid his

annual visit to North Star Lodge

A. F. and A. M. The occasion

was an interesting one, repre-

sentatives from Nelson, Kaslo,

Sandon, Fernie and Cranbrook

were present.

"The Queen."

After the exercises of the Lodge

room the members of the "Craft"

adjourned to the Windsor Hotel

where a smoker was held. This

also was an interesting occasion.

An excellent lunch was served

and the evening was given up to

enjoyment. The toasts were ap-

propriate, among them were the

following:

"The Queen."

"The Grand Lodge of British

Columbia." Responded to by

Grand Master Watson and Com-panion E. C. Chipman, Kaslo; Companion Geo. Johnson, Nel-son; Companion J. Morrow, Cranbrook.

"The Craft." Responded to by Brothers Hugh Watt and H. Kershaw of North Star Lodge.

The Visiting Brothers Brought Brothers Markley, Beattie, Street, Gurd, Jameson, Hargraves, Sanders and Rennie to their feet.

"Our American Brethren" was responded to by Brothers D. McKay, J. R. Larsen of Butte Mont. and Brother Hargrave of Blaine, Oregon.

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PERRY CREEK.

One of the Camps that is Rapidly Coming to the Front.

Charles Thies and John Fink paid a visit to the Perry creek country a short time ago. They visited a number of properties in the vicinity of French creek and express themselves as much pleased with what they were shown.

Among the properties visited were those of the Koote-nay Perry Creek Company. This company is doing a vast amount of work in their tunnel to catch the Ruby lead. Sixteen men are at present employed. They also visited the Antelope, O. K. Roy and Standard claims, and were well pleased with the surface showings.

They are near the mouth of French creek and adjoining the Koote-nay Perry Creek property. The Antelope is developed by assessment work alone but it is a most promising prospect.

Three assessments have been done on the O. K. and Roy, the lead is 40 feet wide and no walls have yet been encountered. The quartz is all gold bearing.

The visiting Brothers who were present expressed themselves as being royally entertained, and voted the members of North Star Lodge as being princes of hospitality, and will carry away with them pleasant memories of a most enjoyable time.

The meeting of the fraternity in Fort Steele will be productive of much good, and the entertainment accorded the visiting craftsmen will have its effect.

The entire party left for their respective homes on Thursday morning.

Reservation Opened.

Great interest is being taken in the opening of the Colville Indian Reservation which the U. S. Government has announced

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1900.

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

A change will take place in the running time of trains on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. All mails will be received in the day time unless there is a slide in the loop when they will arrive at any old time.

Prices are holding very firm in flour, milling goods, with strong tendency to advance, so the proprietor of the Fort Steele Food Store advises us. This is, therefore, a good time to purchase your winter supply. He has just completed a full stock of flour, meal and breakfast foods.

Frank Clapp, manager of the East Kootenay Bottling Works, was in town on Tuesday.

McMillan Fur & Wool Co.'s price list of October, 1900 is at this office. Those having anything in their line to sell cannot do better than deal with this old reliable firm.

L. Mansfield and wife, Moyie, were registered at the Imperial on Tuesday.

The Port Steele Flour & Feed Store proprietor is agent for the Fleetwood Ceylon tea. Try it once and you will use no other.

A. C. Moffit of Cranbrook was in town on Tuesday.

H. H. Watson, Vancouver; G. Johnson, Nelson; E. E. Chipman; J. Walker, J. Street, Kaslo; A. W. R. Markley, Calgary, were registered at the Imperial on Tuesday.

Joe Fuller of Strathcona's Horse returned from South Africa on Monday.

W. P. Henry came down from Perry creek on Saturday last.

Constable Barnes is ordered to attend court at Nelson next week.

A number of complaints have been made about this end of the Perry creek road and it is pronounced no good. The grade is too steep and it is not wide enough. The road at the other end going into Old Town is said to be all right.

It is reported that there is a thief doing business in the outskirts of town in the chicken line.

The sportsmen of Steele are having a good time shooting ducks and chickens, many good bags are brought in.

The road gang are now working on the Skookum Chuck wagon road.

Work has not yet been started on the Wild Horse road. The route has been blazed and is said to be a most excellent one.

The autumn days are upon us, the deciduous trees on mountain and in the valley are putting on their winter garments of gold and crimson, and still the candidates do not appear, to scatter the money for the booze.

M. A. Beale, W. R. Ross and C. F. Hanington went to Cranbrook yesterday.

Nothing in It.

There have been various rumors around town the last few days to the effect that there will be a change in the management of the St. Eugene Consolidated Mining Company. A representative of the Leader, calling upon Mr. Cronin, ascertained that there was no foundation for such rumors.—Moyie Leader.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE.

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

Take notice that T. James A. Harvey, agent for Peter Jensen, Free Miner's Certificate No. "n. 3840" and Nit. Hanson Free Miner's Certificate No. "n. 3966" A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Patent of the above claim.

And further take notice that a certain section may be annexed before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvement.

Dated this 21st day of September, 1900.

J. A. HARVEY

NOTICE:

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works at Victoria for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post situated at the south west corner of Lot 1620, Group 1, Kootenay District, thence west, 40 chains, thence south 40 chains; thence east, 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to the point of commencement, containing in all 160 acres of land more or less.

EDWARD ELWELL,
Dated, Fort Steele, B. C., September 23, 1900.

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A large number of visitors were in town during the week.

Get your job printing done at THE PROSPECTOR office.

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J. R. Farrell of California arrived in town Thursday and left yesterday for the Windermere country.

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