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METHUEN'S ADVANCE BEGUN

Nothing Heard From Buller.

LONDON, February 7.—Lord Roberts has caused to be distributed in the towns bordering upon the invaded colonial territory, an invitation to Free Staters and Transvaalers to go into the desert, offering them good treatment, and a restoration to their farms on the British occupation of Republican territory. The manifesto guarantees that those bringing horses can sell them. Foreigners will have their passages paid to Europe. Colonial rebels are advised to surrender in preference to being taken prisoners.

Not a word has been received from the correspondents with general Buller for three days. It is as though Natal had been wiped off the map, except the heliogram from Ladysmith, saying that the Boers are cannonading and that fighting is going on.

General MacDonald, with 4000 infantry, cavalry and artillery, threatens the Boers' right at Magersfontein. This is the first sign of activity on the part of lord Methuen for some weeks, and doubtless has relation to the movements of British further east.

It appears that general French's visit to Cape Town was to ask lord Roberts for 7000 more men. Whether he got them, is not disclosed. Troops are no longer detained at Cape Town. They proceed immediately to some point at the front. Three thousand disembarked Monday and were quickly seen elsewhere. No public reception was given to the arriving volunteers at Cape Town because they had to leave immediately.

As lord Roberts, since the battle of Spion Kop, has had 20,000 fresh troops to dispose of, it is probable that some have gone to general Buller.

The World says that it learns that lord Methuen has disbanded the Remingtons scouts, one of the most useful colonial commands, because he had ascertained that some members of the corps had been communicating with the Boers.

Captain Congrove, who received the Victoria cross for gallantry in endeavoring to save the British guns at Colenso, writes: "I never saw a Boer all day and I don't think anyone else did either. Thousands of bullets peppered and shells burst all over the place, but the Boers were invisible."

CAPE TOWN, February 6.—Five Boer prisoners at Simons Town tried to escape last night. They had firearms and wounded a prison warden. Two of the fugitives were wounded and all were recaptured.

MODDER SPRUIT, Monday, February 5.—On Saturday the Pretoria corps discovered a party of British, from Ladysmith, entrenched at a railroad bridge, protecting a number of coolies who were cutting grass. A party of Boers despatched to the scene was attacked from the trenches, and all retreated but four, who were hiding and were permitted to advance to within fifty yards, when they fired a volley, killing three men. This was seen from the British fort, which fired a shell and sent cavalry to assist the British. The Boers beat them back, killing two men.

MODDER SPRUIT, February 6.—A message from Ladysmith, dated February 5th, says: "Continuous cannonading has been proceeding since 5 o'clock this morning, with the occasional roar of "Long Tom." The firing, it is added, continues."

LONDON, February 6.—Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops sleeping on the South African plains, the government is starting to reclothe the forces in the field with woollen khaki, and has already ordered 95,000 suits in Glasgow alone.

Roberts Denies the Charge.

CAPE TOWN, February 6.—President Steyn and president Kruger communicated with field-marshal lord Roberts, the British commander-in-chief, protesting against the destruction of farm houses and the devastation of property. Lord Roberts, in replying, declared the charges were not substantiated, adding that wanton destruction of property was contrary to British practices.

Will be a Big Majority.

LONDON, February 6.—There has been a strong effort among the rank and file of the Liberals to secure the unanimous consent of the party to the withdrawal of lord Edmund Fitz-Maurice's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, but it has failed, owing to the refusal of a small minority, mostly members of the late Liberal government to join in the movement. The house will, therefore, divide on the amendment. The government majority is expected to be from 120 to 150.

NICARAGUA CANAL TREATY

Regulations of Management.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—The text of the new treaty negotiations in relation to the construction of the Nicaraguan canal was given out today. It reads in effect that it is agreed that the canal can be constructed under the auspices of the United States government, which shall enjoy all the rights of such construction as well as the exclusive right for providing for the regulation and management of the canal. The following rules were adopted as a basis of neutralization:

First.—The canal shall be free, and in time of war as in peace, to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subjects in respect of the conditions of charges of traffic or otherwise.

Second—The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of way if war be exercised, or any act of hostility be committed within it.

Third—Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not take any stores in the canal except so far as may be strictly necessary, and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay, in accordance with the regulations in force, and with only such intermission as may result from the necessities for the service. Prizes shall be in all respects subject to the same rules as vessels of war of the belligerents.

Fourth—No belligerent shall embark or disembark troops, munitions of war or warlike materials in the canal except in case of accidental hindrance of the transit, and in such cases the transit shall be resumed with all possible dispatch.

Fifth—The provisions of this article shall apply to waters adjacent to the canal, within three marine miles of either end, and vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain inside such waters longer than 24 hours at any one time, except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as soon as possible; but a vessel of war of one belligerent shall not depart within 24 hours from the departure of a vessel of war of the other belligerent.

Sixth—The plant, establishments, buildings and all works necessary to the construction, maintenance and operation of the canal shall be deemed to be part thereof, the purposes of this construction, and in time of war, as in time of peace, shall enjoy complete immunity from attack or injury by belligerents, and from acts calculated to impair their usefulness as part of the canal.

Seventh.—No fortifications shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adjacent. The United States, however, shall be at liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be necessary to protect it against lawlessness and disorder.

The president's letter of transmittal is as follows: To the senate—I transmit herewith, with a view to receive the advice and consent of the senate to its ratification, a convention this day signed by the respective plenipotentaries of the United States and Great Britain to facilitate the construction of a ship canal to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to remove any objection which might arise out of the convention of April 19th, 1850, commonly called the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, to the construction of such canal under the auspices of the government of the United States.

Taffy For the Canadians.

KINGSTON, February 6.—Bruce Carruthers, staff-sergeant in charge of the regiment signallers of the Canadian first contingent at Belmont, writing says: "Lord Methuen told the Canadians that they were more likely to be attacked at Belmont than if they were at Modder river, as they hold an important position.

PLENTY OF VOLUNTEERS

About Sixty Names Enrolled.

The question of enlisting 40 men in this district for lord Strathcona's horse has narrowed down to a selection of the best men from several score of applicants. Recruiting was opened at captain Hodgins' office on Baker street about 9 o'clock, and from that hour to 6 o'clock last night major Leckie was kept busy attending to the volunteers who desired to be taken on.

Throughout the day the recruiting office was surrounded with eager volunteers, who seemed to be imbibed with the idea that to secure the success of their plans it was necessary to get within the building immediately. An effort was made to have the men come in one at a time but the pressure from without was too great, and when the door was opened a dozen pressed in crowding the interior. This was the case throughout the day, and many of the applicants kicked their heels in the cold outside for hours awaiting an opportunity to interview the recruiting officer. Many of these came from Sandon, Kaslo, Rossland, Hall's Siding, Ymir and other points in the district. It was whispered that major Leckie had promised to take 20 men from Rossland, but this is not confirmed.

When the volunteers had secured admission to the office and reached the officer in charge, they were required to give particulars as to their age, height, marksmanship, horsemanship, weight, former service, etc. This having been taken down, the likely looking men were provided with a physician's blank form and dispatched to Dr. Symonds for an examination. The medical test was unusually severe, and it is safe to state that any man who passed through Dr. Symond's hands successfully is indeed "sound in wind and limb."

Lieutenant-colonel Morris of the Northwest Mounted Police arrived from Regina by the steamer Moyie last night, and will participate in the recruiting. When the Nelson quota is complete colonel Morris will take command of the marching-out parade. His experience at police headquarters will be of great value in the direction of choosing the most promising men from among the many who are anxious to enlist.

The men who applied to enlist yesterday, with their previous experience, were as follows: William H. Fisher, Herbert Oliver Johnston, Kaslo Rifle company; Alexander Robert Burns, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto; Andrew F. Rankine, ex-sergeant First Regiment Canadian Artillery; Alfred Cole, eight years Royal Marine Artillery, five years Mounted Police; Robert D. Shields, John W. Gordon, Ottawa Field Battery; Charles R. MacDonell, five years Northwest Mounted Police; James Bullough, seven years Northwest Mounted Police; Albert C. Pearson, Charles H. Walker, Thomas Dunn, Thomas L. McAllister, six years Ninteenth Regiment; Sydney A. J. Kelly, five years N. W. M. P.; Frank C. Parkes, James McAdams, 76th Regiment Canadian militia; Edmond C. Wragge, four years I. O. R.; Thomas Morris, Robert L. Cochrane, John Ryan, Nelson Rifle Company; George Ager, City of London Fusiliers; James Abbott, six years Royal Navy; John A. Fraser, Charles White, Nelson Rifle Company; Alfred S. Brown, ex-sergeant "B" troop, Manitoba Dragoons; Archibald Logan, ex-sergeant, 20th Hussars and Rhodesia Horse; Horace M. S. Pym, nine months Volunteer Rangers; Arthur C. Pinkerton, Robert A. Winerals, Dorset Cavalry, 4th Hussars; Frederick Sternt, Samuel J. A. Wodley, three years Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry; Joseph H. McKay, Alfred D. Fraser, Herbert H. Dancey, Sidney G. O. Chalmers, 17th Lancers, Bechuanaland police, Cape Police; John McNulty, Queen's Own Rifles; Percy Routh, ex-sergeant Mounted Police; Alexander W. Mackenzie, Alexander J. M. Shaw, two years Oxford Rifles; John D. McDonald, Manitoba Dragoons; Peter E. Simpson, Wellington Rifles; Z. Lefebre, Mounted Police and Royal Canadian Artillery, Royal Canadian Dragoons; David McCallum, Argyle Highlanders; Harry Richardson, John B. Tierney, Robert D. Hunter, William McDonald, Daniel Turner, Andrew Halcro, duke of Connaught's Hussars; Henry Cavanaugh, William H. W. Lloyd, Connaught Rangers, 4th Batttalion and 20th Hussars; Edward J. Fitch, George J. Fader, Sidney Field Battery, Nelson Rifle Company; Arthur L. Gordon, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards; Roy Watson, Sixth Hussars; Charles Dent, 12th Battalion; J. Hirsch.

Major Leckie leaves today for Rossland, where a number of men are anxious to enlist. Colonel Morris will continue recruiting here, and when a sufficient number of desirable men are secured, will institute a test for horsemanship. Regarding this matter colonel Morris said last night: "Of course I shall take steps to ascertain whether or not these men can handle horses. We don't want men who will fall off and break their necks." The date of the test has not been fixed.

TO ADVANCE ON KIMBERLEY

Macdonald's Brigade Moves.

LONDON, February 6.—The Standard has received the following dispatch, dated Monday, February 5th, from Koppies Dam: "General Macdonald, with a brigade of infantry, a regiment of lancers and one battery has reached here from Modder River camp, in what is regarded as an important movement to the right of the Boer position at Magersfontein. Koppies Dam commands the roads from Kimberley to Hopetown and Douglas. Two Boer laagers are within striking distance. The arrival of general Macdonald's column was opportune, as it just prevented two large commandos effecting a junction. He now holds both banks of the river. Our lancers had two brushes with the Boer patrols. There is more activity among the enemy, and strong forces are concentrating to oppose our further advance. The troops suffered from heat and scarcity of water.

Want to Increase the Salary.

TORONTO, February 6.—Some prominent Liberals of this city are again agitating for an increase in sir Wilfrid Laurier's salary, which they assert is entirely inadequate. The Young Liberal Club is going to take the matter up at its meeting this evening.

Favors the Railway Commission.

STRATFORD, Ont., February 6.—The board of trade here has passed a resolution favoring the appointment of a railway commission and sympathizing with Brandon, Manatoba, because of alleged discrimination in rates in favor of Winnipeg.

Bubonic Plague Precautions.

OTTAWA, February 6.—Senator Macdonald of Victoria has announced in the senate that he would draw the attention of the house to the necessity of taking precautions against the introduction of the bubonic plague into the province of British Columbia.

Denounced Goebel's Assasination.

LONDON, Kentucky, February 6.—The house of representatives met this afternoon and adopted resolutions declaring the killing of Mr. Goebel an outrage upon humanity, and adjourned until tomorrow, out of respect to his memory.

Mistook Acid for Whisky.

PEMBROKE, February 6.—Aaron Sears, a German farmer of Stafford, about six miles from here is dead as a result of drinking carbolic acid in mistake for whiskey on Saturday last.

Scare in War Eagles.

TORONTO, February 6.—There was a big movement to unload War Eagle at the Toronto Stock Exchange today in view of the stoppage of the mines and dividends.

Death of a Hermit.

QUEBEC, February 6.—Johnny Filteau, who for many years past has been living a hermit life in a cave in the rocks near the river at Lotbiniers, is dead.

Fire in Hamilton.

HAMILTON, February 6.—The retail store of A. F. Carpenter & Co. was gutted by fire last night. Loss on contents of store was $17,000, on building $6000.

The Patriotic Fund Growing.

OTTAWA, February 5.—The Canadian patriotic fund to date is $98,886.

ADVANCE NOT YET BEGUN

Preparations Not Yet Completed.

LONDON, February 6.—The impression that general Buller's forces are fighting will not die out, in spite of the continuous assertion of the war office that it has no news to confirm that belief. From Cape Town, under today's date, comes the statement that up to this morning nothing has been heard there regarding general Buller's recrossing the Tugela river, while field-marshall lord Roberts, in a despatch dated Monday, February 5th, reports no change in the situation. In view of the latter's despatches it seems hard to credit the circumstantial reports of the engagement of general Buller's troops. The complete silence from the front and at home, may be significant as the wiseacres aver, but it more probably represents that period of preparation which precedes an important movement.

In other parts than the Tugela the conditions of information are scarcely more satisfactory. There is an inconclusive vagueness regarding general French's reported intention to seize Norvalspont with an overwhelming force of infantry. While news of sharp fighting in the neighborhood of Colesburg can be fairly expected within a few days, it is not likely that it will assume greater proportions than reconnaissances and skirmishes for the purpose of holding the advanced positions of the forthcoming main advance by way of Bloemfontein. General French is strategically prohibited from running any serious risks.

Lord Robert's reply to presidents Kruger and Steyn creates an excellent impression here.

From Kimberley and Mafeking there is nothing new, so that it can be presumed that the intermittent bombardment of these places continues.

CAPE TOWN, February 6.—The Argus announces that ninety guns have been dispatched from Pretoria to the front, and that the Pretoria forts have been practically denuded of artillery.

Rockfeller Still in Control.

NEW YORK, February 6.—The Evening Post says: "A report from Cleveland, to the effect that John D. Rockfeller has resigned the presidency of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio, one of the subsidiary companies of the trust, gave rise today to the impression that he had retired from his position in the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, now the main corporation. This is incorrect. Mr. Rockfeller has resigned the presidency of the Ohio company merely, and will be succeeded by vice-president A. M. McGregor of the New Jersey company. The reasons for the changes are said to be partly concern for Mr. Rockfeller's health and partly his desire to avoid being drawn into future investigations of the company's affairs, such as that lately managed by attorney-general Monett of Ohio."

The Nicaragua Canal Vote.

NEW YORK, February 6.—Discussing the new convention, concerning the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and its effect on the passage of the Nicaraguan canal bill, the Herald's Washington correspondent says there is no reason to expect any serious efforts to delay the bill in either house of congress. Its opponents are so few as to make such efforts hopeless, and the present prospects are that a vote will be reached in both the houses after a short debate.

Depositors Get Eighty-five Cents.

MONTREAL, February 6.—At a meeting of the shareholders and depositors of the Banque du Peuple this afternoon the assets of the bank were purchased en bloc by the directors for $108,000. They They also pay the sum of $195,000, which had been given as a guarantee (and in addition a sum of $33,-295.47) to make the exact sum $689,-295.47 so as to pay the depositors forty-five cents additional, or 85 cents all told on the dollar.

The United Irish Party.

LONDON, February 6.—John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, was unanimously elected chairman of the United Irish party this afternoon, at a meeting held in the committee room of the house of commons, sixty-five members being present. Mr. Redmond upon taking the chair returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and expressed the opinion that all Nationalists in Ireland, America and elsewhere would be rejoiced at the day's work, which, he declared, bound all sections of the party for for Ireland's good, which he hoped would reunite Irishmen everywhere in the fight for Ireland's rights. A vote of thanks was then given to Timothy Harrington for his success in restoring unity among the Nationalists. Mr. Redmond was the recipient of a multitude of congratulations.

GRAND FORKS ARBITRATION

City Must Pay $14,000.

GRAND FORKS, February 6.—Judge Spinks and his fellow arbitrators today made their award in connection with the appropriation of certain lands up the north fork of the Kettle river, resulting from the erection of a dam across the river for the Grand Forks smelter. The corporation of Grand Forks, in accordance with an agreement with the smelter company will assume all the cost and expenses. Thomas Hardy was awarded $30 per acre and $600 for timber; Thomas Newby $31 per acre; Len Newby $25 per acre. The total amount to be paid by the city will approximate $14,000, as compared with claims aggregating $40,020. Thus a considerable saving will be effected. The counsel were L. P. Eckstein, representing the city; J. A. MacDonald of Rossland, for the smelter company; and Chris Pringle and J. P. McLeod for the land owners.

A Coal Scare.

LONDON, February 6.—The announcement that a firm of Cardiff coal shippers had contracted to supply foreign agents with 400,000 tons of steam coal for shipment abroad has occasioned genuine uneasiness. The destination of the fuel is not mentioned, but as coal is exceptionally scarce in Germany, France and Russia, it is probably going to one of these three countries. The vital interest which the question has for Great Britain will be understood when it is realized that Natal is depending on Wales for coal for the numerous transports that have gone to Durban, because the colonial coal fields have been closed by the war. Some of the newspapers advocate the government placing an embargo on such transactions in war time.

The Pacific Cable's Progress.

TORONTO, February 6.—The Globe's London correspondent cables that Hon. Joseph Chamberlain in the house of commons replying to a question regarding the Pacific cable scheme, said that two meetings of the committee had been held and the committee was now engaged making inquiries into the technical character of the scheme. However, the colonial secretary said, he had no doubt that there would be no unavoidable delay. The Globe's correspondent says he learns that the Eastern Extension Company is employing all its energies at present to attempt to secure valuable concessions from Australia for the proposed South African line.

Four Years for Check-Raising.

MONTREAL, February 6.—Maurice E. Scott, an employee of Oswald Brothers, stock brokers, charged with raising two checks, one from seven to seven hundred dollars, and another from eight to eight hundred dollars, was this morning sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

Medical Men Object.

KINGSTON, February 6. The medical men of this city will oppose the passage of Dr. Roddicks interprovincial medical bill in the house of commons on the ground that the examination points mentioned in the bill are confined to Montreal and Toronto, and also that they have no voice in the council.

Farmer Burned Out.

GANANOQUE, February 6.—All barns and machinery of John Bennett, a farmer residing about five miles north of this town was destroyed by fire Saturday evening. Loss about $14,000 partly covered by insurance.

Taft Appointed Chairman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 6.—The president has appointed circuit judge Taft of Cincinnati chairman of the Philippine commission. He will sail from San Francisco some time after March 15th.

THE HUDSON'S BAY OPENING

In the New Premises.

The Hudson's Bay Company's handsome new stores on Baker street will be formally opened for business today, the grocery and liquor stocks having been moved from across the street during the night.

The new premises will constitute one of the handsomest stores in the west, every detail being thoroughly in keeping with the building itself, which is one of Baker street's most imposing business blocks. The stores are numbered 151 to 155 on Baker street, and one of the features of the exterior is the handsome sign in gold and black. The building consists of two stories each having a floor space of 1500 square feet, without partitions. The fittings are in solid oak and the premises are warmed with steam.

The management will be in the hands of N. T. McLeod, who needs no introduction to readers of THE TRIBUNE. The accountant is J. Lochore, and the heads of departments will be as follows: groceries, G. S. Callaway; dry goods, F. Smith; gentlemen's furnishings and boots and shoes, J. McAdam; crockery, W. Styles; and liquors, W. Douche. The east half of the store will be devoted to the crockery and grocery department. On entering the west side the dry goods will be found on the left and the men's furnishings to the right with boots and shoes to the rear. The upper story will be occupied by the carpets, house furnishing and dressmaking departments. The stores open today with groceries and liquors. The remaining departments will be added from time to time as the stocks arrive, until March 1st, when Mr. McLeod anticipates that the enterprise will be complete in every respect.

An Interesting Legal Case.

An interesting case from Sandon will come up at the supreme court, that of McMillan vs. Sandilands. Some time ago Crawford & McMillan, merchants of Sandon, assigned to Sandilands. He turned the property over to the firm's creditors, who continued the business for some time as the best means of protecting their interests. Then they disposed of it to Crawford who failed to make the necessary payments and the business went back to the creditors who closed it up. Plaintiff claims that there should have been a surplus of $8000, and sues for an accounting, and to recover the surplus or whatever remained. The creditors maintain that the suit was commenced before the estate was wound up, that they had never refused to disclose the books of the business and that there was no surplus, but, rather a heavy deficit. Macdonald & Johnson are for plaintiff, F. L. Christie, Sandon, for Sandilands and Taylor & Hannington for the creditors.

The New Police Court.

Police magistrate Crease will hold court in the new police office on Kootenay street for the first time this morning. The apartment has been equipped with tables, chairs, benches and a stove, so that police court business may be transacted without interference. Magistrate Crease will place a desk in the room for his own use while court is sitting.

The United States Army.

WASHINGTON, February 6.—Secretary Root has sent to congress an abstract of the militia force of the United States, showing the total number of men available for military duty, but unorganized, to be 10,343,150 and an aggregate organized strength of 100,390.

Gold will be Returned.

DURBAN, February 5.—It is understood that the prize court has decided to return the £25,000 of gold, siezed last October on board the steamer Avondale Castle, in Delagoa bay.

An Old Building Destroyed.

QUEBEC, February 6. One of the oldest buildings in the upper town, the large structure forming the angle of Fabrique and Heber streets, was destroyed by fire this morning.

No Defence Entered.

NEW YORK, February 6.—At the opening of the Molineux trial today the defence sprang a great surprise by resting its case on the evidence taken by the state.

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The Tribune.

ALTHOUGH J. H. Stewart, who has the contract for the Balfour extension, was condemned unheard by the Nelson Miner, he does not propose to ignore the local merchants in the purchase of supplies. The merchants of Nelson are not lacking in enterprise, and, in view of the assurances already given some of them by contractor Stewart, they are confident that they will secure a very considerable portion of the trade growing out of the construction work. Probably the first local industry to be benefitted by the work is that controlled by the Nelson Saw & Planing Mills, Limited. This firm has already received a large order, and the probabilities are that it will be followed by others when the construction is under way. Mr. Stewart has also given another assurance which will mean much to the merchants of Nelson. He says that there will be no time checks issued on the work. When the payday comes around men employed on the work will be paid in cash. This treatment of the men cannot but have a very healthy effect upon the retail trade of the local merchants.

THE annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association will be held in Toronto on Thursday and Friday next. It is to be hoped that at this gathering of pressmen some effort will be made to improve the news service which the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company issues to the press of the Dominion as the Associated Press report. There are sufficient daily papers in Canada now to entitle them to some consideration from the news associations. They should at least be furnished with a summary of the news from the principal cities in the Dominion. They should also be furnished with a summary of the proceedings in the federal and provincial parliaments. It is said that the Canadian Pacific telegraph company, which controls the Associated Press in Canada, refrains from sending out all such for fear the people should accuse it of meddling in politics. This is the explanation which is set up as an excuse for keeping the papers of the Dominion out of the news which is news, and which interests the people of the country in which the papers are published. While it might not be advisable for the papers of Canada to discard the Associated Press service altogether, the time has certainly arrived for the press of the Dominion to make some effort to secure in their news service the important happenings in their own country. The Canadian Press Association could not be better employed on Thursday and Friday than in ascertaining how this object could be attained.

THE PINK PILL SENATOR.

The appointment of George T. Fulford to the senate of Canada gives the greatest satisfaction to his fellow-citizens of all classes in Brockville. The premier in calling such a shrewd business man to the upper chamber has shown that he intends to make it as useful as possible, and it goes without saying that Mr. Fulford will bring to the assistance of the government an experience and sagacity that few men possess. The new senator is to be congratulated, but not more so than the government. Mr. Fulford is still a young man, being only 47 years of age. He is the youngest son of Hiram and Martha Fulford, and was born in Brockville in August 8th, 1852. He is descended on both his father and mother's side from U. E. Loyalist stock. His ancestors came to Canada from the state of Connecticut at the close of the revolutionary war and settled a short distance above the town about 1790. After receiving a good education he learned the business of a druggist, and when still quite young went into business on his own account, and met with marked success. Even at this early age he accumulated an immense fortune, being now one of the wealthiest men in Canada. Since it became known that he had been appointed a senator he has been literally deluged with telegrams of congratulation. Mr. Fulford was married in 1880 to Miss White of Fort Arkansas, Wisconsin, and they have a family of two daughters, Misses Dorothy and Martha, both of whom are now attending the Royal Victoria College, Montreal. Senator Fulford is the maker of Dr. Williams' pink pills, and the principal owner in the Yellowstone mine near Salmo.

Says Macrum Was a Coward.

LONDON, February 6. — Canon Farmer, who was forced to leave Pretoria with other British clergymen, has arrived in London. With reference to Charles E. Macrum, the former United States consul at Pretoria, he said to a reporter of the Associated Press: "Mr. Macrum was one of the last men I saw before leaving. I told him he was taking the wrong side, and did not understand American feeling. His chief care seemed to be for his personal safety, and I think it was chiefly on that account that he left in the midst of a crisis. He is not a strong man, and president Kruger may have taken advantage of this, but when I last saw Mr. Macrum he was a patriotic and loyal American. In regard to Blake's so-called volunteers, they are, like Mr. Blake, mostly burghers, who would have been obliged to fight anyway. Mr. Macrum told me there were 5000 Americans in the Transvaal, most of whom the United States was glad to get rid of." Pretoria, Cannon Farmer added, was provisioned for two years.

Strength of the Boer Army.

NEW YORK, February 6.—An eminent South African authority, a man whose relations with the Boer government prevents the use of his name, sends this statement of the real strength and hopes of the Boer army, says a Paris dispatch to the World. His statement may be relied upon as exact. The numerical strength of the army which is opposing England is as follows: South African Republican soldiers, 28,000; Orange Free State soldiers, 13,000; immigrant Boers, 5000; Uitlanders, 5000; neutral Dutch, 5000; Cape Colony Dutch, 8000; total 64,000. Regarding the Boers ability to hold out, the World's informant said: "There is not the least doubt of their endurance and resistance for months to come. They are controlled by the same intense patriotism and sustained by the same intelligence, courage and fortitude that enabled the Americans to prolong for six years their war for liberty and independence. And the Boers have great advantages that Washington's army was without—money, modern arms and a hilly country, which provides natural defences."

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Canadian News Briefs.

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The assets of the insolvent Cloak Manufacturing Company were sold at auction in Toronto. They amounted to over $47,000, and the price realized was 66 cents on the dollar.

The C. P. R. employees all over the system will subscribe half a day's pay to the patriotic fund, aggregating about $20,000.

Glengarry Liberals have offered the nomination for the commons to Jacob Schell, manufacturer, of Alexandria. Mr. Schell will give his answer within a month.

Seventeen fine field glasses have been secured at Toronto for the second Canadian contingent to be used by the scouts.

Israel Evans of London, for many years license inspector for Kent county is dead, aged 77 years.

French Rumor About Egypt.

PARIS, February 6.—The Matin todays says: "We have reason to believe that recent despatches from Cairo have drawn the attention of the powers to Egypt. They are asking themselves if the time has not come to enforce the treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of the Suez canal. If England is incapable of keeping order, they will be obliged to intervene."

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Province of British Columbia, Nelson, West Kootenay, to-wit:
By virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, at the suit of Charles Callaghan, Administrator of the estate of William Callahan, deceased, plaintiff, against Alonzo D. Coplen, defendant, and to me directed against the goods and chattels of Alonzo D. Coplen, the said defendant, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title and interest of the said defendant, Alonzo D. Coplen, in the mineral claim, "Chicago," situated about one mile from the Junction of Cody and Carpenter Creeks, on the west side of Cody Creek, and in the mineral claim, "Cube Lode," situated on top of the divide between Sandon Creek and Cody Creek, and about one mile from mouth of Cody Creek, adjoining the "Bridget" and "Freddie Lee" mineral claims, to recover the sum of ($1707.30) seventeen hundred and seven dollars and thirty cents, amount of said execution and also interest on $1703.30 at six per centum per annum from the seventeenth day of January 1900, until payment, besides sheriff's poundage, officer's fees, and all other legal incidental expenses; all of which I shall expose for sale or sufficient thereof to satisfy said judgement, debt and costs at the front of my office, next to the Court House, in the City of Nelson, B. C., on the ninth day of February, A. D., 1900, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.
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MARK TWAIN'S CRITICISM.

In the course of his tour round the world two or three years ago Mr. Samuel L. Clemens visited Pretoria. As a military man he naturally improved the opportunity in his "More Tramps Abroad" to air his views on the subject which then, as now, filled the air. He took the precaution, however, which some other military critics might emulate with advantage, to go into some detail, to explain his right to speak with authority. He said: "I have seen active service in the field, and it was in the actualities of war that I acquired my training and my right to speak. I served two weeks in the beginning of the civil war, and during all that time commanded a battery of infantry composed of twelve men. General Grant knew the history of my campaign, for I told him. I also told him the principle upon which I had conducted it; which was to tire the enemy. I tired out and disqualified many battalions, yet never had a casualty myself nor lost a man. General Grant was not given to compliments, yet he said frankly that if I had conducted the whole war much bloodshed would have been spared, and that what the army might have lost through the inspiring result of collision in the field would have been amply made up by the liberalizing influences of travel. Further indorsement does not seem to me to be necessary."

Notwithstanding his pre-eminence in the science of war, Mr. Clemens discusses South African affairs with as much sense as though he were only an ordinary, every-day person. "If," he declared, "pluck were the only thing essential to battle winning, the English would lose no battles. But discretion as well as pluck is necessary when one fights Boers and red Indians. In South Africa the Briton has always insisted upon standing bravely up unsheltered before the hidden Boer and taking the result."

In the present war up to the other day Boer and Britisher have each followed his own precedents. In the early engagements the British officers were even accommodating enough to label themselves for the benefit of Boer sharpshooters. With this mode of fighting, every British soldier is a target for a Boer with a rock as a shelter and rifle-rest, and taking the casualty lists of both sides at Laing's Nek and Krugersdorp, Mr. Clemens, by a simple mathematical calculation, reached the conclusion that the advantages were as 30 to 1 in favor of the Boer.

There is more than a jest in Mr. Clemens' figures, which were not intended to be either complimentary to the Boer or uncomplimentary to the British soldier. A good marksman with a modern rifle and a belt ful of cartridges, wholly hidden from sight and absolutely protected, could easily pick off a score or two of men advancing on him over half a mile of level ground before he could be put out of action. The British generals appear now to have learned the lesson that to send British soldiers to kill Boers behind rocks is simply to throw them away.

With bows and arrows Leonidas and his handful of Spartans held the pass against the hordes of Xerxes. Substitute Mausers and Maxims for bows and arrows, and you have the problem before general Roberts. No such problem ever confronted Alexander or Cæsar, or Napoleon or Wellington. If Ladysmith and Mafeking and Kimberley were relieved, or could hold out indefinitely, Mr. Clemens' tactics would perhaps be the proper thing. But we cannot start to tire out the Boers without sacrificing the beleaguered towns. There's the rub, though this difficulty grimly promises to settle itself before long if a key to the riddle is not found.

THE POET LAUREATE.

As a rule the English demand the worth of their money, and they are very unhappy until they get it. There is no more impressive spectacle in the world than the Britisher who has arrived at a realization of robbery. The fall of the Roman Empire or the eruption of Vesuvius is a dime show in comparison with it. When this Britisher suspects extortion he can rise to a point of grandeur; he storms like a brigade of heroes, and the neighborhood quakes; but when he has to admit defeat he is as a monarch dethroned.

In many respects he is the biggest national figure, and he naturally wants big things—big dinners, big functions, big navies, big armies, big victories, big poems, for after all is said and done a really great poem that celebrates a historical event is about the greatest thing that mankind can offer to immortality; it is the greatest greatness built on a great deed. How many today would recall the charge of the Light Brigade—magnificently heroic as it was—if Tennyson had not written his undying lines? The British nation has not retrograded; the British people are not less brave or less noble; they have done some wonderful things since the Six Hundred stormed the hills at Balaklava.

In the line of leadership, England instituted the office of poet laureate. It was an evolution of the court singer. At first this gentleman received the munificent sum of twenty-five dollars a year. Then Chaucer held the post for an allowance of wine—judging from his spelling he must have written his poems after absorbing his income—and then, as the office went on, the pay was increased to five hundred dollars a year and an annual tierce of Canary wine from the royal cellars. However large or small this may be, it is quite certain that Mr. Alfred Austin, who was put into the place because he was a good Tory, is not earning his salary. It may be because it is not the same kind of wine that Tennyson drank. They may have changed the cask on him, giving him an inferior article. At any rate, the British tax payers do not appear to be getting the worth of their money. It does not seem to be exactly right that a young gentleman from India—one Kipling—has to do all the heroic versifying for the nation without a salary, or even a glass of the stimulant. Yet that is the fact. He is writing more than his share of the English poetry that gains the world's attention. It is true his verses do not wear court dress, but as songs that delight the people's souls and exalt the people's pride they have undoubtedly succeeded.

This is not all. Not only does Mr. Kipling get no pay for this service, but where money is given for his patriotic work he turns it over to patriotic uses. For instance, when he wrote those swinging verses about the private soldiers, calling on the people to support their families while they were fighting for the flag, the thousand and odd dollars which the papers paid him were at once turned over to those for whom he plead, and then other dollars followed swiftly from the public until they have passed the hundred thousand mark.

It does not seem exactly right for poet Austin to be failing in his efforts and drawing the wine and the stipend while poet Kipling is doing the real work. Still, the people do not complain, and as poet Kipling is not in want of the necessities of life, and as his copyrights are yielding more than a prime minister's salary, it is quite certain that he will not complain either. Of course there are those who would like to see him the poet laureate—but fancy Mulvaney drinking Canary wine!

THE CAREER OF CARNEGIE.

Salt Lake Tribune.

Mr. Carnegie observes that poverty is a good basis upon which to begin life. It is for the wood rat who has the natural acquisitiveness to steal small potatoes, spoons, rusty nails or anything else that he can pick up and to hoard them on the principle apparently that they may be of service to him after awhile. It is all well enough for the eagle or the hawk or the buzzard to be hatched without capital; it is a little tough on the dove and the lark, especially for the latter chap, because its disposition is to sing when the sun shines, to get up with the dawn and to mount and hail the sun; to get a breakfast off a worm and then sing for joy, because there is that much done, without any care for the winter that may come on, or for the cold nights, when downy quilts and feather beds would be comforts. Men are born with certain gifts; that is, some of them, and when the nature of a man's brain is such that he takes more delight in accumulating money than Milton ever enjoyed when writing "Paradise Lost," why such a man, set down in a country where other men have a greater or less amount of money, will transfer a large proportion of what they have in their pockets to his own pocket, and he cannot comprehend why men are ever bothered about money matters. With Mr. Carnegie everything was propitious. He understood a certain business which was simply in its infancy in this country. He engaged in that business at a time when the demand for what he could make outran the supply, which enabled him to increase his works and bring to his aid new facilities, until he practically had a monopoly. He worked the Republican party to secure a tariff, on which he proceeded until he reached a point where the tariff was inducing other people to imitate his work. And just at that time his establishment turned out a great many hundred thousand dollars' worth of defective armor for battleships. He went down to Washington and had that adjusted, and though we, of course, know nothing of the terms, it is a singular coincidence that immediately thereafter he began to decry the tariff as absolutely unnecessary for the development of American industries. That is, from the first he possessed that faculty which his brother Scotchmen call canny. Through all his earlier years he pursued the woodrat's tactics until he had so many old nails and screws and bolts and nuts heaped up that they began to be a burden to him Then he shook off his rat disposition and became a philanthropist, and now he never makes a killing of a million dollars that he does not pay his regular tithing by establishing a library, or building a hospital, or some other good work. It is a race with him now whether he will die before he administers on his estate or not, and, looking back over his career, no wonder he says poverty is a good basis upon which to begin life.

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CHINESE SECRET SOCIETIES.

The growth of the Boxer anti-foreign movement in China, already reported in the recent Pekin cable dispatches, indicates that up to the present time foreign influence in China had done but little to relieve the country of its lawless secret societies. These associations are apparently maintaining their power and wielding an influence which to the mind of the ordinary Caucasion is inexplicable.

Secret societies have been factors in the internal life of China throughout modern history. Arising in different centers of disaffection, the organizations increase and ramify until, as in the case of the "Kolao Hui," which two years ago numbered more than 1,000,000 members, they become terrors even to the mandarin class. The "Boxers," like the "White Lily Association," the "Yellow Caps," "The Society of Heaven, Earth and Man," the "Hung league" and the "Kolao Hui," exert an influence too powerful for the governing class to antagonize with impunity. In the case of almost all these societies the aims of the founders are alleged to be philanthropic. Some of the organizations—the least troublesome—are partly or very largely religious in character. The others are political, and the opposition to foreigners, foreign influence and innovations is one of their cardinal principles.

China, with its vast stretches of untraveled country and its inaccessible interior communities, affords exceptional opportunities for such societies. Elaborately concealed meeting places are selected, and here the prospective members are initiated with a careful observance of rites. The aims alleged are almost always beneficent. One secret society whose place of assembly was discovered, had the Chinese equivalents for "Faith" and "Righteousness" carved above its temple doors, but the purposes of the conspirators are none the less lawless. Murder, especially if the victim is a foreigner, can be undertaken without any violation of the order's philanthropic tenets. Accumulating an immense number of members throughout various provinces, these societies, by a system of haphazard but effective organization, not infrequently attain a remarkable power. There are instances of the seizure of influential householders and their forcible initiation into a secret society in order to secure the influence of their membership. There have been other instances in which one or the other of the societies has grown so strong that even the writs and other orders of the government officials could not be enforced without the consent of the society's members.

That the Boxer society may have been able to exert a considerable influence in bringing about a change in the succession to the dynasty is by no means improbable. The sworn object of several of the societies a few years ago was even more ambitious, and had in view the overturning of the dynasty, in order, as the oath of the members affirmed, that the land might be purified of foreigners and existing rulers, and "happiness have a place to which to return."

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Canadian Mining Review.

A direct result of the widespread activity in all branches of business during the past year has been to increase investments in mining properties, and Canada has enjoyed her fair share of the improved conditions. Many new prospects have been opened up, companies have been formed, and mills erected. Such activity has not been witnessed in a decade, and there has never been a better opportunity presented for establishing a permanently productive gold mining industry. In the face of this it may seem ungracious to play the part of a pessimistic critic, but one fact stands out so prominently that attention must be called to it, lest we fail to profit as we should by the present boom. There is nothing more hurtful to the growth of legitimate mining operations than the reckless investments made during a period of inflated prices. These occur as a sort of side issue in connection with the larger commercial movement of the time, and are subject to the vicissitudes of trade and of the stock market. So far as iron and copper are concerned this close relationship is inevitable, but the production of gold should not be influenced by the status of ordinary industrial enterprise. The demand for gold is universal and practically unsatiable. Investments in gold mines should be attractive at all times, and but for foolish ventures the growth of this branch of mining would be continuous.

There is a large portion of central Canada, lying mostly in Ontario, which can never hope to support any considerable population unless its mines become productive. The whole Dominion is interested in this result, for the existence of a thousand miles of unproductive territory midway between the east and the west means that the lines of communication through it are charged with expenses which must be wholly borne by the population on either side, and this is a permanent disability of a rather serious sort. Throughout this region are occurrences of gold and copper, which have constituted the basis for many mining companies, most of which in the past have come to grief, and the question arises whether the new crop of companies has been sown with wiser judgment than in the past. In so far as these new enterprises are frankly engaged in development work, we have nothing but praise and encouragement to offer. Development, thorough, patient, prudent development, is needed above all things. But we have only censure for those who blossom out with crisp stock and brilliant prospectuses as full-fledged mining companies, in advance of proper preliminary safeguards in the form of exhaustive development work. When the public is invited to subscribe to the stock of a corporation there should be some visible and intrinsically valuable basis for it. The so-called "industrials" rest upon a less secure foundation than a mine should. The demand for the product is known, and the cost of production can be calculated. The volume of business and the profits obtainable depend upon the ability and energy of the management. If unsatisfactory, the management can be changed with possibly beneficial results. But a mine either exists or it does not. If the ore is not there no reform in the office personnel can save the investor's money.

Manifestly then there should be ore in sight sufficient to warrant the proposed expenditure for realizing upon it, before a company could legitimately claim to be more than a development concern. The distinction is real and important, and considering that mining ventures are habitually thrust upon an unsuspecting public by promoters who either intend to swindle their victims, or else are so ignorant of mining that they do not realize the absurdity of their claims, it would seem proper in the interests of all that laws should be enacted prohibiting the issuance of mining stock, except for development purposes, when there was not ore in sight sufficient to cover the initial investment for property, plant, and equipment. The result would probably be to turn most of our mining corporations into development companies, but this would be a distinct gain. If men wish to take chances, let them do so, but with a full knowledge of the risk. Legitimate mining is not risky. The element of uncertainty is less than in any other form of enterprise.

A properly developed mine should have ore reserves sufficient to constitute a basis for operations for years ahead. It should at least have enough in sight so that the company may "come out even." And let it be understood that "ore in sight," means ore of which three sides are visible, so that accurate measurements of quantity and estimates of value may be made.

In this sense the developed gold mines of Ontario may be counted on the fingers of one's hand. In view of this, and the reckless speculation in so-called mining shares, the need of protective legislation is plain. It would be a step forward in the development of a permanent and profitable mining industry.

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PARSONS PRODUCE COMPANY—Vernon street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, produce, and fruits. Agents for Swift & Co. bacon and hams.

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LODGE MEETINGS.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Nelson Lodge, No. 23, Knights of Pythias, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Knights cordially invited to attend.
T. LILLIE, C. C. R. C. JOY, K. of R. & S.

NELSON LODGE, NO. 23, A. F. & A. M. Meets second Wednesday in each month. Sojourning brethren invited.

NELSON L. O. L., No. 1692, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Visiting brethern cordially invited.
E. ROBINSON, W.M. W. CRAGGROFT, Rec.-Sec.

NELSON ÆRIE, Number 22, Fraternal Order of Eagles, meets every second and fourth Wednesday in each month in Fraternity Hall. Visiting brethren welcome.
W. GOSSNELL, President.
CHARLES PRESSER, Secretary.

NELSON MINERS' UNION NO. 96, W. F. of M.—Meets in miners' union rooms, northeast corner Victoria and Kootenay streets, every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members welcome.
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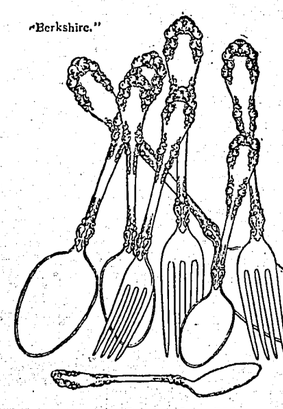

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Dress Goods

Dress Goods, regular price 65c, sale price	40c
Dress Goods, regular price $1, sale price	60c
Dress Goods, regular price $1.50, sale price	$1.00
Black Crepon, regular price $2.50, sale price	$1.75
Black Crepon, regular price $2, sale price	$1.25
Black Brocadesoie (silk) regular price $1.50, sale price	$1.00
Black Satin, regular price $1.50, sale price	$1.00
Prints, regular price 10c, sale price	7c
Ladies' Silk Blouses, regular price $5, sale price	$3.30
Fancy Outing Flannel, regular price 12½c, sale price	9c
Ladies' Electric Seal Coats at	$35
A few Ladies' Jackets and Capes at	Less than cost

Men's Furnishings

Grey Blankets, regular price $4, sale price	$2.75
Men's Tweed Suits, regular price $10, sale price	$6.00
Men's Serge Suits, regular price $12, sale price	$7.50
Men's Overcoats, regular price $12, sale price	$7.50
Men's Ulsters, regular price $8, sale price	$5.00

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Ladies' Dongola Button Boots	$1.35
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Ladies' Alaska Overshoes	75c

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CITY LOCAL NEWS

Wood took a tumble in price yesterday. Several woodcutters who desire to dispose of their stock before the work on the Balfour extension commences, cut the price to $4.50 per cord.

Judge Forin is taking two weeks vacation from his official duties.

An examination for discovery was held before E. T. H. Simpkins, registrar, yesterday in the action of Jones vs Davenport, a suit to recover on a foreign judgment.

The matter of taxing the costs in the Election petition of Irving vs Morrison came before registrar Simpkins yesterday and by consent was referred to judge Forin.

C. W. McAnn, Q. C. of Kaslo was in the city yesterday on legal business.

The curling season is still a blank as far as games are concerned. Arrangements had been made for the rinks skipped by H. R. Cameron and P. Lamont to play yesterday afternoon, but the ice was soft in one spot, and the matches are postponed.

The writ has been issued in the action of John James Aitkin vs. the C. P. R. This case was referred to in THE TRIBUNE some time ago, as that of a C. P. R. employee who was painfully injured by falling through an open hatchway on a barge at the docks in Nelson.

The license commissioners for the Nelson district, P. E. Wilson and Dr. E. C. Arthur, met yesterday to transact business. Renewals were granted to R. Wood, Granite Siding, G. Munro, Creston; and J. Walker, Kitchener. The transfer of P. Fitzgerald's license at Salmo to Mrs. A. Linklater was approved.

Among the cases which will probably be set down for trial at the supreme court sitting is that of Bodwell vs. Kaslo, in which the defendant seeks to recover the amount of certain notes given to him in payment of legal services rendered the town of Kaslo. Macdonald & Johnson are acting for plaintiff and Whealler & Martin of Kaslo for defence.

A settlement has been made in the case of D. W. Moore vs. H. W. Forster. In this action the plaintiff sought to recover the amount of a commission alleged to have been due him in connection with the sale of a two-thirds interest in the Ruth mine. The property sold for $166,666 and plaintiff sued for 10 per cent on this sum, or $16,666.60. The terms of the settlement have not been made public.

R. K. Miller and J. E. Read have been granted a certificate of improvements in respect to the Ida D mineral claim.

J. O. Stanford has disposed of a sixteenth interest in the Montreal group of claims on Morning mountain to C. Parker of Rossland. The consideration was $125.

T. R. Jones of Spokane has transferred a half of his eighth interest in the Mineral Hill, Drummer, Blue Deck and Cliff claims to Olive B. Jones, his wife.

David Booth of Nelson has transferred to J. O'Brien, also of this city, a half interest in the Royal Fraction claim at Ymir and the Manifesto on Wild Horse creek. The consideration was nominal.

Mr. justice Martin has delivered judgment in the matter of Rogers vs. Reed, settling the practice of furnishing security for costs in appeals. His arrangement is as follows: Appeals generally, $150; appeals interlocutory from both supreme and county courts, $75; appeals county court, $1000. The above may be varied in exceptional cases.

A small boy was run over at the corner of Baker and Stanley streets yesterday but was not seriously hurt.

A heavy wind prevailed on the lake Monday and interfered considerably with the lake traffic. All was quiet again yesterday.

At an early hour yesterday morning Ebby's boot and shoe store on Josephine street below Baker was burglarized and a number of pairs of shoes stolen therefrom. About 7 o'clock three men named Bowes, Turner and Rogers offered to sell shoes to J. George at figures which aroused Mr. George's suspicions. He kept the men in conversation and sent for the police. Constable Kerr arrested the trio and they will come before the police magistrate today.

P. Donato, who has conducted a grocery store on Josephine street between Silica and Carbonate for some time, has sold out to Dominico Moteleoni, who will continue the business.

The official circular announcing the local C. P. R. changes had not been issued up to yesterday, but its arrival is expected hourly. Mr. Beasley expects to leave for the east on Saturday night or Monday morning.

An initial shipment of ore is to be made this week from the Golden Crown property near Greenwood, in which local parties are interested. There is 1800 tons of ore on the dump at the mine, and shipments are to be made regularly.

The forthcoming session of the supreme court which opens in Nelson on Tuesday next promises to be unusually lengthy. The docket now comprises some 18 cases, several of which will be protracted. The officiating judge is only slated to remain in Nelson a week, and it is generally agreed that he will be compelled to return to hear those actions which cannot be concluded during the regular sitting.

A. F. Procter, C. P. R. construction engineer, states that he observed half a dozen fine wild swans flying near his camp at Nine-mile point yesterday morning. Such an incident is rare during February.

Yesterday's snowfall was a source of inconvenience on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard road. The evening train was compelled to stop three times between Ymir and the city to permit of the road being cleared. In each case a few minutes' work enabled the train to proceed.

Captain Sherwood of the Royal Engineers is on a visit to his brother, A. R. Sherwood of this city.

There are no new developments in regard to the Balfour extension. J. H. Stewart, the contractor, is to consult with superintendent Beasley today with regard to securing a location adjacent to the C. P. R. tracks for his storehouses. Construction will be commenced on the buildings as soon as these arrangements are complete.

The collection of sox in Nelson to be forwarded to the troops serving in South Africa is meeting with great success. Mrs. J. R. Robertson, who has charge of the undertaking desires to acknowledge contributions from the following: Messrs. Wallace & Miller, Mrs. W. A. Macdonald and friends, Mrs. Hartney, Mrs. G. Ritchie, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. McGuire, Miss Smith, Miss Walsh, Mrs. Bannerman, Miss Dorothy Campbell, Mrs. captain McMorris, Mrs. W. Paris, Mrs. W. W. Beer, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. H. Bird and Mrs. Robie. THE TRIBUNE is requested to ask that further donations be sent in before Friday, as the sox are to be forwarded on that day.

J. C. Drewry of Moyie is in Nelson. He says East Kootenay has large mines, flourishing towns, unequalled scenery, but not a single dentist.

Contractor Stewart says no time checks will be issued in building the Balfour extension; that every dollar due for wages will be paid in cash.

The Nelson Coke & Gas Company management claim they can put in gas engines that are superior to electric motors for steady power, and that the cost of operating them is less per horse power. The people of Nelson should be willing to give the local enterprise a fair trial before compelling the city to give the Bonnington Falls power people an entrance.

James Murray, C. P. R. roadmaster for the Pacific division, is in the city enroute to Greenwood and Boundary points. He states that the snowfall of yesterday will not interfere with the trains in the Nelson district.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

AT THE PHAIR.—H. J. Painter, Vancouver; F. L. Hutchins, R. L. Bradley, Toronto; L. Castellan, W. M. Robson, P. L. Allen, H. M. Daly, E. Cronin, H. R. Johnston, Rossland; J. Murray, W. G. Mackenzie, H. J. Cambie, Vancouver; Lieutenant-colonel Morris, Regina; W. P. Caddell, Balfour; E. J. McKay, Montreal; Ralph Harron, San Francisco; L. B. Gordon, F. A. Menzies, Portland; G. Lindsay, G. A. Merrick, W. R. McInnes, Winnipeg.

AT THE HUME.—Miss J. Keefer, Vancouver; C. W. McAnn, Kaslo; W. G. Atkinson, Toronto; E. W. Turner, Toronto; Gordon Mackenzie, Winnipeg; Mrs. M. Kinn and daughter, Chicago, Illinois; N. F. Callett, Grand Falls, Montana; Arthur Gunn, Rossland; M. P. Bogle, Bonners Ferry.

AT THE QUEENS.—L. H. Gordon, Toronto; J. Crawford and daughter, Sandon; F. J. Smith, Moyie; J. Goettsche, New Denver; P. J. McCorville, Spokane; G. Agee, A. C. Pinkerton, Slocan city; D. Breckenridge, J. Johnston, Cranbrook.

AT THE MADDEN.—W. O'Brien, Greenwood; J. Clements, Athabasca; D. D. Robertson, Slocan City; G. McKugo, Cascade; T. W. Elmore, Sandon.

AT THE GRAND CENTRAL.—D. Stamper, Revelstoke; J. Romello, Kaslo; W. Macdonald, Rossland; L. Burnes, St. Paul; J. Gitter, J. E. Enos, Spokane; D. McRae; Melita, Manitoba.

Government's Big Majority.

LONDON, February 7.—The house of commons has rejected lord Edmund Fitz-Maurice's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne by 352 against 139 in its favor.

BUSINESS MENTION.

Boys and girls wanted to strip tobacco at Kootenay Cigar Company's factory. 50 cents per day and all over that they can earn.

Lost, on Monday evening, between J. A. Irving's grocery store and A. Macdonald's wholesale house, a pocketbook containing a sum of money. The owner's name is in the pocketbook. Finder will be rewarded by leaving the same at P. Burns & Co.

All accounts owing P. Donato must be settled this week or they will be placed in his lawyer's hands for collection.

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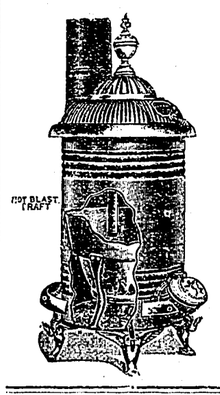

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