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HUME SUPPORTERS ORGANIZE

Proceedings of a Mass Meeting.

The supporters of J. Fred Hume held an enthusiastic meeting in the Hume hotel hall last night, when the work of organizing for the approaching campaign was taken in hand. John Ayton Gibson was voted to the chair and George Luther Lennox acted as secretary.

The first business taken up was the formation of an executive committee, and after the matter had been thoroughly discussed S. S. Taylor moved that the following comprise the same: John A. Gibson, John A. Irving, H. G. Neelands, W. J. Wilson, W. A. Galliher, M. Scully, Charles Hillyer, S. S. Taylor, Robert Hurry, J. C. McLellan, James McDonald, John La Pointe, G. L. Lennox, Angus G. Shaw, John Hamilton, Thomas Madden, John J. Malone, and W. A. Jowett. This was agreed to upon the understanding that the chairmen of the committees at Kuskonook, Ymir and Creston be also members of the executive.

A general committee, composed of about fifty well-known workers, was then drafted and was given power to add to its numbers.

John A. McRae was then appointed secretary for the organization, and during the campaign will be in constant attendance at the headquarters in the store at the western end of the bank of British Columbia building.

J. Fred Hume was then called upon to address the meeting. He received a most cordial reception, and in acknowledging the same remarked that the enthusiasm displayed by the friends of good government was an assurance that they had virtually won the battle before it was commenced. The present meeting had been called merely for the purpose of organizing for the campaign, but he thought that he owed it to those present to explain how it happened that he was again seeking their suffrages for a third time within the year. As most of the residents of Nelson knew, he was interested in the Hume hotel. By the Constitution Act, no member of the legislative assembly was permitted to make any contract with the crown. It had come to his knowledge that a provincial constable had stopped at the hotel and had paid for his board with a government voucher. As soon as he learned of the transaction he took legal advice, and the general opinion was that he had better resign as several other members had done for somewhat similar reasons. The first to go was Neill of Alberni, who had made a contract to do a certain amount of road work; the second was Robertson of Cowichan, who was in about the same fix. When these two members were out friends of the government approached the leaders of the opposition with a view to securing the return of both men by acclamation; but the opposition leaders thought they could win Alberni and they refused to consent. The result was a contest in both constituencies. In Alberni, the government candidate was again returned; and in Cowichan, the opposition candidate was given a hard run. Had the government had a local man for its candidate in Cowichan, it would probably have won this seat as well. As it was the candidate was a Mainlander and there was unfortunately a feeling against a Mainland man. The next members of the house to resign were Messrs. Turner, Hall, and McPhillips of Victoria, and Tisdall of Vancouver, none of whom desired to take any chance of rendering themselves liable for $500 a day for infringing the independence of parliament.

Concerning the issues of the campaign, Mr. Hume said he was still in accord with the platform adopted by the then supporters of the opposition in Nelson. Since the present government had accepted office, several of the reforms advocated in the same had been enacted, or were in the course of enactment; and as far as he was personally concerned, he would not consider that he had done his whole duty until they had all had been adopted. As to the other members of the cabinet, they were all ready to assist him in this respect. During the campaign which had just opened he would endeavor to make a personal canvas of the whole district, and public meetings would be arranged for as speedily as possible, notice of which would follow. Given the same support which he had received in the past contest, he had not the slightest doubt but that he would be returned with a very greatly increased majority.

W. A. Galliher was then called upon. He reminded those present that affairs were not in the same shape in the present contest as they were in the general elections in July last. The men who now compose the government were then in opposition. In the general elections, the supporters of the opposition carried J. Fred Hume to victory in the face of all the influence which the government of the day could bring to bear to accomplish his defeat. He was then a member of the opposition. He was now a member of premier Semlin's cabinet, and this time would have the prestige of the government behind him in his fight. This should be encouraging Having won under adverse circumstances, there should be no difficulty in winning the same now under mnch more favorable circumstances. In the opproaching contest there was a new condition to be considered by the electors. The government of the day was firmly in the saddle. Should J. Fred Hume be defeated there would be a cabinet position to be filled by some person other than the man who was returned from Nelson in July last. It should not be forgotten that there exists a certain amount of rivalry between three of the cities of Kootenay. The people of each city were keeping a keen lookout for any little plums which might be induced to drop into their gardens. Do the people of Nelson desire that the portfolio of minister of mines should go to Rossland or Kaslo, or that it should be retained in Nelson? Will Nelson's interests be best served by the return of a man to represent the city and district in the cabinet or by returning a man to represent it in the opposition? The speaker said that he would not say that should Mr. Hume be defeated the government would not give Nelson anything, but that there could not be much question but that in such an event there would be less incentive to the government to look after the interests of Nelson than there would be if a cabinet minister were returned. With respect to the charge that the new government had done nothing for Nelson district since taking office, Mr. Galliher said that it should be remembered that the session was not yet one month old. There were doubtless arrears of work to clear up before the ministers could commence to shower benefits upon their constituencies. The land registry office would come to Nelson despite the fears of the supporters of the opposition candidate, but the men who supported a party which took years to move in the matter of necessary reforms were now complaining because their opponents who were now in power did not accomplish all they had advocated in less than 30 days.

S. S. Taylor was then called upon, and after complimenting Mr. Hume upon the size of the meeting, proceeded to discuss the incidents of the present campaign. He reminded the electors that Mr. Hume had not come back and solicited their suffrages as a man who had done nothing since he had been returned. The supporters of Mr. Farwell were repeating such a story until they believed it themselves, but there was no truth in it. Mr. Hume came back to his constituents as a man who under extraordinary circumstances has done a great deal. He had accepted a portfolio and had overcome three or four months' arrears of work, and had since devoted considerable time to the interests of the district. He has been successful in his efforts to secure the repeal of the tax of $5 per annum which has been collected from every man who worked in or around the precious metal mines for wages. This is a reform which this section of the province has demanded for years. The Semlin government has been in power but a short time, but this reform has been accomplished. Those who are supporting candidate Farwell and persist in saying that Mr. Hume has done nothing will have to face this fact. Then there is the mortgage tax. The new government has done away with the mortgage tax. This was a tax imposed by a former government whereby a man was taxed not only upon the value of his property but upon the amount of money he borrowed as well. The old government refused to repeal the tax. Since the Semlin administration has taken hold of the affairs of the province, legislation seeking the repeal of this unjust tax has also been introduced. When returned, Mr. Hume pledged himself to secure if possible the repeal of this tax. He and his colleagues have been in power for six months, and they have already made good progress along the road of reform. These two matters were but many which could be cited of the work done by the new cabinet of which Mr. Hume was a member. It had been charged that the new government had discontinued all work upon roads and trails. To a certain extent this was true. The new government found that the public money had been squandered on trails and roads for the benefit of candidates for political honors. All such work had been stopped, but other work had been taken in hand and the work of trail building would be done where it would be of the greatest service. Another reason which was advanced as a reason why the people of Nelson should defeat Mr Hume was that "Joe" Martin was running the government. The men who advanced such an argument were short-sighted. They forgot that "Joe" Martin was an experienced politician and that he had looked after provincial affairs in other provinces. He knew better than to incur the enmity of his colleagues than by attempting to secure a following by intimidating them. The record of the new government showed that there was no such condition as that which presented "Joe" Martin as the dictator of the province. Mr. Hume was a member of the cabinet, and so far he had received every support from "Joe" Martin and every other member of the cabinet in his efforts to discharge the duties of his office. Mr. Taylor said that he would repeat the warning given by Mr. Galliher. The people of Nelson could have no doubt but that Rossland would like to secure a representative in the cabinet. Kaslo would also like to secure a cabinet minister. The people of these cities were just as much alive as were the people of Nelson to the importance of securing everything which tended to make their cities a center. The people of Nelson should therefore be careful how they deal with any prestige which they have. If they lose one thing after another which tend to make Nelson a central point, it may take the city years to recover its lost ground. As matters stood the people of Nelson had representation in the cabinet. It was absurd to ask them to exchange such cabinet representation for a representative in the opposition. Candidate Farwell was not a man who would exercise any influence in any party. Prior to the last general elections, he was a stranger to the greater number of the people of Nelson. After the defeat of July last he dropped out of sight, and remained out of sight until another contest came in sight. The supporters of Farwell were asking the people to throw over a cabinet minister who had it in his power to benefit the constituency and return a man as a supporter of the minority party who would have no influence no matter on which side of the house he sat. The advantage of being with the dominant party was manifest. It would be demonstrated in the bye-election in Victoria on Thursday by the election of at least two supporters of the government, and the speaker thought that the people of Nelson had as much sense as the people of Victoria or any other city, and would consult their own interests by the return of Mr. Hume.

W. A. Jowett was called upon and made a few remarks, after which the meeting broke up.

FAIRLY GOOD NEWS FROM VICTORIA

Victoria, Feb. 2.—The weather is unusually cold for Victoria, and it is predicted that a light vote will be polled. Both sides are working hard and both are confident. The returns will not be known before 10 o'clock tonight, as there is but one polling place in the city.

The British Columbia Gazette today contains several items of interest to Nelson. The polling places at Waterloo and Goat River Crossing have been abolished as unnecessary. A registry of the supreme court, to be known as the Nelson registry for West Kootenay, is to be established at Nelson with E. H. T. Simpkins as registrar; another is to be established at Rossland, to be known as the Rossland registry for Trail Creek mining division, with Fred Schofield as registrar. Both offices are to be opened on the 15th instant. Two Nelson companies advertise their articles of incorporation. One is The Tribune Association, Limited, capital $25,000; the other is The Hume Hotel Company, Limited, capital, $50,000.

The bills introduced in the house yesterday included one for the discontinuance of the provincial board of health, which will after the passage of the bill be constituted by the lieutenant-governor in council. Local boards of health will continue to be constituted as at present.

AROUND AMONG THE POLITICIANS.

Some of the Amusing Incidents and Stories of the Campaign.

The chairman of the finance committee of the city council is a strong Liberal, but he is supporting candidate Farwell, who says he is a good Conservative. It is said that he is doing this in order to get the "English vote" when he runs for mayor next year.

The man who handled the sack for the Farwell campaign committee in July last is not taking an active part in the present campaign. Probably the sack this time is not big enough to go around.

City attorney Galliher, it is said, does not feel at home in this campaign, after having gone through a municipal contest arm-in-arm with such truly good Conservatives as Hugh R. Cameron and Fred Starkey.

Should candidate Farwell be successful in turning "Joe" Martin out of office, A. J. Marks is to be made agent-general of the province in London.

The following is given for what it is worth. After the July campaign the Miner presented defeated candidate Farwell with a bill for publishing his address to the electors. Payment was refused, on the ground that the price charged was exorbitant, and the bill remains unpaid to this day. In this campaign candidate Farwell's address had to be published; but the Miner's business manager refused to accept it for publication unless payment was guaranteed by at least two members of candidate Farwell's executive committee.

A well known hotel man who was at Vancouver recently is reported as saying that attorney-general Martin and finance minister Cotton are both laying pipe for political ascendancy in that town, but that they are pulling together fairly well in Semlin's cabinet. It might be said in this connection that if Semlin's cabinet is not big enough to hold two Vancouver politicians at the same time that both step out and let politicians from other sections of the province step in.

It would appear that Nelson, like Vancouver, is to be the fortunate possessor of a political parson. In Vancouver parson Maxwell succeeded so well that he now represents that city in the house of commons. In Nelson parson Frew has only commenced to mount the ladder, but there is no telling where he may end.

In the excitement which marked the reception of J. Fred Hume at the Hume hall last evening, John Oates fainted and slid from his chair to the floor. So sustained was the interest in the rest of the proceedings, the unfortunate was not noticed until the meeting was over.

THE ROGER'S PASS SNOWSLIDE.

All the Bodies Recovered and the Road Open for Traffic.

H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the Columbia & Kootenay, received particulars this morning of the fatal snowslide at Roger's Pass. His information is to the effect that the slide was what is called a dry slide. The slide came down the mountain from the north side and travelled over 1000 feet on the level before it reached the company's round house and station buildings.

It is 13 years since this slide came down, and it was the probable danger of the same which induced the railway company to move its main line over to the other side of the pass.

So far the bodies recovered are those of W. Cator, his wife and two children, Frank Carson, the night operator, James Ridley, a wiper, and a Chinese cook.

Annie Burger, a servant girl, had one of her legs broken and has since been removed to the hospital near Golden.

Cator had been at the Pass for four years, arriving there from Bowansville, Ontario. Carson, the operator, was a son of locomotive engineer Carson.

The railway officials reported that they expected to have the track cleared this morning.

The Act Will be Amended.

J. Fred Hume this morning informed a TRIBUNE representative that the petition of the Corporation of Nelson, praying for certain amendments to the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, had only reached him at Victoria on Saturday. As he was at that time leaving for Nelson, he turned the same over to Hon. F. C. Cotton, the acting provincial secretary during his absence, and urged upon him the importance of having the matter taken up at once. As there is no request contained in the petition which the government could not consistently accede to, Mr. Hume sees no reason why there should be any delay in complying with the same, and he does not anticipate that there will be any. Since his arrival in Nelson, Mr. Hume has written to the acting secretary in connection with the matter and expects to receive a reply in a day or two.

The Salmo Mill Delays the Work.

A. L. McCulloch, city engineer, returned to town last night from the Summit. He reports that the work on the electric light flume is being greatly delayed by the non-arrival of lumber from the Salmo mill. The dam on Whitewater creek is completed, and the rockwork on the flume line will be finished in a day or two. It was his intention to put the men engaged on the dam at work on the flume, but nothing can be done until the arrival of lumber. One team of horses is standing idle and the other will be out of work as soon as the rockwork is completed. This is how a public work is delayed by a mill outfit that some of the business men of Nelson so loudly claimed was unfairly treated by ex-mayor Houston.

TROUT LAKE'S PROSPECTS.

The District Must Have Capital and Cheap Transportation.

[Trout Lake Topic, January 25th.]

Although, owing to the many things that conspired last summer towards making mining matters in the Trout Lake very quiet, the recording office did not do as large a business as in the previous year, still the following does not show up so poorly. The number of mineral claims recorded were 370, assessments, 437, and transfers 237. The value of the free miners' certificates and mining receipts amounted to $5233.

The locations fell considerably below that of last year as did most of the other business of the office, but everything considered, the showing is far from being a poor one. It is expected, of course, that the spring will see a rush to the Atlin Lake district, but as far as quartz mining is concerned and those intimately connected with its development in this division, the new gold discoveries will make but little difference, as they have come pretty well to consider that though the profits from quartz mining may come a little slower they are surer and the fields are not so likely to be overcrowded. Added to this is the experience gained from the indiscriminate rush to the Klondike last year. The shrine of the yellow god is not likely to draw so many votaries from the Kootenay as it did last year, for the experience of the great majority of those who left the silver sections of the province was, that though the gold placers of the north are reputed richer than the silver-lead quartz mines of the south, the hardships to be endured are infinitely greater and the amount of ready money required to outfit reaches a figure not easily to be attained by the average prospector of the various sections of the Kootenay.

The alien law, lately passed, will it is thought, help quartz mining considerably, as it will, perforce, divert the attention of those debarred from sharing in the recent placer discoveries to the wealth in silver, lead and gold contained in the quartz veins of the other mineral-bearing sections of this province. But even should it turn out as it is thought and all these circumstances should work toward the benefit of Kootenay as a whole this section of it can scarcely hope to attain its best without the help of cheap transportation. The railway problem has been the bane of many a camp, and it is the lack of it that is the chief barrier to the advancement of this one. Then, too, it must not be overlooked, we have a foe to rapid progress in our midst and among the men who are the chief sufferers from stagnation as they are the great gainers from boom times. This is the exorbitant figure placed on prospects in the early stages of development. It may be a rather queer statement to make, but it is nevertheless true that the ridiculously high bonds taken on mining properties a few years ago has had the very opposite to a good effect on the camp. No company can afford to pay five figures on a property, and especially where the percentage down is so great, unless it pays from the grass roots and is worked under the most favorable conditions. If expensive crosscuts have to be driven to prove the vein, the time taken to complete the work and the fact that his money is earning him nothing, soon discourages the capitalist and he throws up the bond in disgust, arguing that he is being forced to take all the risks without a fair fighting show for his money.

The condition of things, too, breeds the bond speculator, if it be allowable to coin the name, this class of mine promoters favors the inflated system of prices, because the higher the figure the fatter the commision is. In fact, high prices are essential to his existence. He ties up a property for six months at a far lower rate than can the bona fide capitalist expect to do, for he prevails on the prospector to admit him as a partner, so to speak, not in the prospect as it is staked out, for that would bear with it certain responsibilities, but in the profits accruing from any sale which he by any chance should make. Of course in nine cases out of ten he fails, but he rarely, if ever, releases the property until the time stated in his option expires, thus closing the property out from any chance of being turned over should a man with ready money and solid interests at his back appear on the scene and take a fancy to it.

Weather Report.

The average temperature for the month of January as reported by A. H. Holdich, was as follows: Maximum, 31.7; minimum, 23.0; rain and snow, 2.47 inches. The temperature for the past two days was:

	Max.	Min.	Rain and Snow	Bar.
Wednesday, Feb. 1	15½	1½	nil.	27.80
Thursday, Feb. 2	7	1	nil.	27.75

Fast Mail Out From Dawson City.

All records of ice travel on the Yukon have been broken by the recent feat of the mounted police in bringing a big mail from Dawson to Skagway in nine days and 10 hours. The mail left Dawson on the morning of January 15th and was in Skagway before noon on the 24th. The record was made by the police, it is said, to show that they could greatly reduce the time being made by the United States mail contractors.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS BY WIRE

Makes Denial.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Aulay Morrison, member of the house of commons for the Westminster district of British Columbia, who recently returned from a semi-official trip to Dawson, is reported by the Dawson Nugget as saying that the Dominion officials in the Klondyke were a bad lot. This report he denies today in a telegram to minister of the interior Sifton.

Hands Off!

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The Mail and Empire prints a special from Washington this morning which says that the Alien Exclusion Act, passed by the legislature of British Columbia will be disallowed by the Dominion government. In commenting on the dispatch the Mail and Empire says: "Hands off! British Columbia will not bow to the will of the Dominion on a question that is purely provincial. Manitoba set the example that must be followed if the provinces desire to maintain their rights."

A Suggestion.

London, Feb. 2.—The Times suggests that sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, be appointed arbitrator on behalf of Great Britain to settle the Newfoundland shore rights dispute.

Political Changes.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Sir Oliver Mowat, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, will retire, owing to continued ill health. He will be succeeded by senator Scott of Ottawa, secretary of state in the Laurier ministry.

Miscellaneous News.

Provincial treasurer McMillan of Manitobe has returned to Winnipeg from a sojourn in Texas much improved in health.

The Brunette sawmill at New West Westminster has received an order for several hundred thousand feet of lumber from Australia.

The steamer Cutch arrived at Vancouver from Skagway last night, but brought no news of interest.

The moulding and plaining mill of Mathews Bros. & Co. in Toronto was burned yesterday afternoon.

PEACE RIVER RAILWAY.

A Party of Engineers Return From Making Preliminary Surveys.

V. H. D. Dupont and party have arrived at Edmonton, Alberta, from Peace river. The members of the party are: A. T. Kerr, assistant, F. de C. Davis, G. Crandell, M. Mason, Allan Sutherland, Frank Hutcheson, H. J. Biggs, J. W. Lee, Fred Albert, J. Lacombe, F. Neilson. All who went out came back safe and sound and look well. This party left Edmonton on the 8th of July and reached the mouth of Finlay river on September 8th. They were twenty-eight days traveling from Edmonton to Hudson's Hope at the foot of the Rocky Mountain portage, and seven days from the head of the portage to the Finlay. Their work was to make a preliminary exploration for a railway line through the Peace river pass and eastward from the mountains to the British Columbia boundary south of the Peace river. In the work from the mouth of the Finlay to the head of the Rocky Mountain portage transport was by boat. A trial line was run on the south bank of the Peace for this distance, about 75 miles. Although this was through the Rocky mountains no very serious obstacles were met with. At some points, however, the mountains rise so abruptly from the water's edge that short tunnels would be necessary. Mount Selwyn, near the mouth of the Finlay, is the highest peak in that part of the range. It is about 6000 feet above the sea and about 4000 feet above the Peace river.

The horses of the party had been left at Hudson's Hope while the work from the Finlay to that point was being done. When the head or west end of the Rocky Mountain portage was reached (Hudson's Hope is at the east end) the horses were used for purposes of transport. In an attempt to carry a line on the south side past the portage great difficulties were met with in passing through the canon of the Peace. On one occasion Mr. Dupont nearly lost his life. Once the canon was passed there were no serious difficulties. The country along the south bank of the Peace is moderately level, and high above the river. Near the river it is deeply cut by gullies, but these do not extend very far back, except in the cases of Moberly river and South Pine creek. These streams cannot be got around, on account of their length, and their valleys are several hundred feet deep. They can only be avoided by following close to the river bank along the low level until they are passed.

The weather has not been severe in Peace river this winter so far. There was only one week of very cold weather. In coming back the party were forty-eight days from Hudson's Hope to Edmonton. They were eleven days coming from Lesser Slave Lake, brought by C. Anderson. Their horses are wintering at Spirit river.

Dibble's railway survey party which was to work westward from the mouth of the Finlay up the Omenica to the Stikine were camped at the mouth of the Omenica when last heard from awaiting the closing of the rivers so that they could travel on the ice.

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THURSDAY.....FEBRUARY 2, 1899

CANDIDATE FARWELL has two newspaper organs in Nelson. One is edited by an old time Grit from Manitoba; the other is edited by David Marks Carley, a hidebound Conservative from Victoria. Neither one nor the other has known candidate Farwell long, yet one proclaims in the columns of his newspaper that no one in British Columbia better understands the requirements of the mining interests than Mr. Farwell. What a wonderful man this candidate Farwell is, to be sure. The next thing we will hear is that candidate Farwell knows more about how to acquire title to crown land without first having surveyed it than any other man in the province.

IN a long-winded address to the electors of Nelson riding, candidate Farwell says he is a Conservative—when he wants office.

How do the Conservatives of Nelson riding like to be told day in and day out that Conservative members of the government and of the house like premier Semlin and minister of finance Cotton and member Green are merely pawns that are moved about at will by attorney-general Martin? There are quite a number of Conservatives—we mean Conservatives of the kind that do not make their living by trading on their political beliefs—who know that attorney-general Martin has not in any way meddled with affairs outside of his own department; they also know that had he attempted to do so, he would not now be attorney-general. Premier Semlin knows the responsibilities of his position, and exacts from his colleagues the submission that is his due, just as rigidly as did any of his predecessors—not even excepting the late Theodore Davie.

ONE of the charges that is now being brought against J. Fred Hume is that the public school at Nelson is not as good as it should be. Well, it cannot be truthfully said that the public school at Nelson is as good as it should be; but, somehow, the school tsustees are now and always have been supporters of the party recently turned out of office by the party with which Mr. Hume affiliates. We have an indistinct recollection, however, that while their party was in power the school trustees at Nelson were even unable to get sufficient money with which to purchase fuel to properly heat the schoolhouse.

THE electors of Nelson riding are aware that the appropriations for the year ending June 30th, 1899, were made by the Turner government; but they may not be aware that 75 per cent of the money appropriated for public works in Nelson riding was expended before the Turner government quit office, in August last. This a fact, however. The Semlin government took office in August, Mr. J. Fred Hume being sworn in as minister of mines and provincial secretary on the 23rd day of the month. Instead of having at their disposal the money appropriated for such public works as roads, bridges and trails for the ensuing year, they found that their predecessors in office had spent the money in an effort to keep themselves in office. The appropriations having been spent, the Semlin government was not in a position to spend them the second time. The estimates for the year ending June 30th, 1900, will be brought down to the house this month, probably before the day set for the election in Nelson riding. They will be the best evidence from which to judge what Mr. Hume has been able to do for the riding he represents.

THE TRIBUNE will venture the assertion that John Anthony Turner has been an efficient and courteous gold commissioner. No complaints have been heard against any of his official acts. He is at his office every hour that he is required to be. He does not keep the public dancing attendance on him when they have business to transact. He was not an applicant for the office. He accepted the appointment at the urgent solicitation of men who have borne the brunt of the political battles that ended in the victory that placed the government of the province in charge of Charles A. Semlin. He has nothing to reproach himself with for so doing. He is a Liberal in politics; but if that is a crime then at least one-half of the people of Canada are criminals. He has not been an offensive partisan since accepting office; but he is surrounded in the office he occupies by officials so malignantly partisan that they are offensive.

THE Rossland Record deplores the fact that the Gooderham-Blackstock outfit are about to start a department store at Rossland. Well, what of it? the Gooderhams were storekeepers long before they became miners, and they are probably going back to the business they know most about.

THIS question might be asked David Marks Carley, editor of "the Nelson Economist, with which is incorporated the Nation of Victoria, B.C.," namely, what industries of Kootenay have been dwarfed by the elevation of J. Fred Hume to a cabinet position and the appointment of John A. Turner as gold commissioner of the Nelson division? The only industry that has been in any way affected, so far as we know, is the one in which David Marks Carley was solely interested. He used to draw a nice little sum every month for publishing government notices, but now he doesn't.

Bank du Peuple.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Bank du Peuple held in Montreal last week it was stated that the depositors had received 55 cents on the dollar, and it time was given 20 cents more could be paid them. The directors' guarantee amounted to $195,000. Two years were needed to realize the amount of 75 cents on the dollar of the liabilities. Mayor Prefontaine explained that the directors could not realize on their property in order to pay off the sum guaranteed unless they were given a full discharge and it was agreed to free them from obligation provided they paid 40 cents on the dollar.

Only a Report.

A report comes from Washington that the Canadian-American commission have agreed on international mining terms which will vitiate the Alien Exclusion Act passed by the provincial legislature.

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TO THE ELECTORS

OF THE NELSON RIDING OF WEST KOOTENAY.

Gentlemen: Having been compelled to resign my seat in the legislative assembly, owing to an infraction of the "Constitution Act," I again have the honor of offering myself as a candidate to represent you in the legislative assembly.

It will be my aim to further, as far as in me lies, the best interests of the Nelson riding and the province generally.

I very much appreciate the valuable services of those who labored so actively and successfully in the July campaign and would ask a continuance of that support, being now in a position where I can render good service to Kootenay.

My time being so fully occupied, it will be impossible to see all the electors before election day, but will visit as many places in the district as possible.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, yours, etc.

J. FRED HUME.

Nelson, February 1st, 1899.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax Act

WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NELSON DIVISION.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the statutes, that provincial revenue tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act, are now due for the year 1899. All the above-named taxes collectable within the West Kootenay district, Nelson division, are payable at my office, Kaslo.

Assessment taxes are collectable at the following rates, viz.:

If paid on or before June 30th, 1899.

Three-fifths of one per cent on real property.

Two and one-half per cent on assessed value of wild land.

One-half of one per cent on personal property.

On so much on the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely: upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after 1st July, 1899.

Four-fifths of one per cent on real property.

Three per cent on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent on personal property.

On so much on the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely: upon such excess when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one half of one per cent; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Provincial revenue tax, $3 per capita.

JOHN KEEN, Assessor and Collector.

Kaslo, B. C., 23rd January, 1899.

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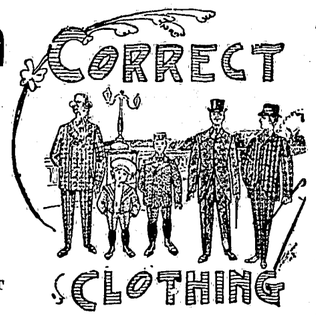

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HARD LUCK STORIES.

Only a Few Copper River Miners Found Gold in Paying Quantities.

The steamer Cottage City, which arrived in Victoria on Monday morning from the north brought news of many disesters to Copper River miners. One of the most convincing proofs of the truth of these stories was the sight of several men aboard who had been nipped by the frost but providentially escaped with their lives. Among these was George Polovitch, who, although very badly frozen, managed to reach Valdez in a crippled condition, and had to have a portion of each foot amputated.

Mr. Herbert Smith of Chicago, one of a party of three, told in a matter-of-fact way as men do who have passed through many hardships, how Harry Cohen and his young partner Smith started over the Valdez glacier—the place where all the disasters occurred—and how Smith wandered away from the trail, his senses benumbed and finally died. "His body is there yet," said Mr. Smith, laconically. Cheon was found by Mr. Smith and some others on their way out, and they managed to carry the poor fellow down to Valdez but could not save his life. He lies buried there now. Mr. Smith also told how a young man and his father, having once started up the glacier, were driven back by the intense cold; the father escaped with his life and assisted his son to where miners were camped, and there the young man died. Their names Mr. Smith did not know but he understood they were New Yorkers. A young newspaper man named Sylvester Grogg from St. Joseph, Missouri, had his limbs frozen very badly, and was left behind at Juneau.

This all happened in November, and the reason that the men were so long in getting to Victoria was that the steamer Excelsior, which plies between Juneau and Valdez, broke down early in December, and they had to wait for the steamer Wolcott, which took them off on January 18th. Of the 4000 men who were mining on the Copper river 800 are still wintering there. There was a difference in the stories told as to the success of the Copper river as a gold field. Several of the passengers on the Cottage City said that Copper river was no good. There are indications of gold, but nothing has been found worth working as yet.

On the other hand W. C. Bruce of Tacoma and his partners Heber Smith of Chicago and E. J. Levroos of St. Paul, swear by the country and are going back in the spring. Bruce says he is out to get a packing outfit. As instances he gives claim 52, Manker creek as panning out 75 cents to the pan at a depth of 20 feet. Quartz creek, which is a tributary of the Tonsina river, goes as high as $1 to the pan, and Tekill river also prospects very good, and the gold is very pure. Very little gold was brought out by any one.

On January 17 there was a strike Bruce says, right at Valdez, one of the lucky men being captain Crockett of the Wolcott, who got there in time to see 25 cents to the pan washed out the very day his steamer came in. Bruce and his companions say they are going back in March.

Rich strikes in the Porcupine district are reported by northern arrivals and from all accounts the prospects are sufficiently encouraging to warrant those who have been there in saying that the Porcupine, Klahena and Salmon river districts will in time be a strong rival to the now famous Atlin district.

J. B. Peterson and E. Blom, partners and joint owners in six claims in these three districts, returned to Skagway last week from an extensive prospecting tour of that country and more especially the Porcupine district.

The Porcupine creek is all staked, Mr. Peterson says, but the bench claims are turning out rich results. Near discovery on Porcupine, Peterson, out of 10 pounds of dirt from a bench claim, panned out 25 cents' worth of gold. The gold is coarse and of unusually fine grade, worth $18.60 to the ounce. On bed rock it was very rich.

The Porcupine, according to Mr. Peterson, appears to be the richest. They first prospected up to the head of Little Salmon and crossed over the summit and came down on the other side to the source of the McKinley creek on both forks. They found an immense glacier on the right hand fork of the McKinley and report the country extremely rocky and very rugged. While on the summit they could see the Porcupine, but owing to the formation of mountains and the great altitude they could not get down to it but had to come back down the McKinley and around to Porcupine City, which is located about a mile and a half from the creek.

They found a man on the bench of the Porcupine who had taken out $1000 in nine days. They also heard of others equally as rich at other points.

All these districts are tributaries to the Chilcat. The Porcupine embraces all its tributaries and the Glacier river and its tributaries. The Klahena river district embraces the territory from the mouth of the Klahena, and takes in Boulder, Rock, Mallard and several other creeks of minor importance, and not yet named. The Salmon river district takes in all its tributaries and runs down to the coast.

While all the creeks appear to be staked, Mr. Peterson says that but few bench claims have as yet been staked, and there is a big territory all through that country that is sure to give results equally as rich as those in the Atlin.

At present there are not many men in that country; they did not meet more than twenty men all told. There are three men wintering at the mouth of the Porcupine.

The prospectors in there have two recorders, one at Chilcat for the Porcupine district, and the second at Haines' Mission for the Salmon and the Klahena districts.

Messrs. Paterson and Blom are in Skagway for a fresh supply and new outfits, after which they will return in there and prepare for development work.

Looks Like Poetic Justice.

The following extract is from an Ottawa letter appearing in the Kamloops Sentinel of January 31st:

There would appear to be a certain amount of poetic justice in the experience of the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transportation Corporation of which sir Charles Tupper is president, which has just held its first annual meeting in old London. The experiences of the first year have been anything but encouraging, but the blame for their troubles was laid principally upon the failure of their attempt to work up a business over the Stickine river and Teslin lake route, where, owing to the absence of a railway or a good wagon road, an exceptional season upset all the company's calculations and immense loss was the result. Of course the weather is held responsible, but it is noticeable that the English financial papers are somewhat skeptical in accepting the worthy baronet's explanation. The Bullionist remarks that, "verbosity is the chief characteristic of the report," and that "none of the grandiloquent promises of the prospectuses having been realized, it is not surprising that the directors should have considered it necessary to indulge in long-winded explanations of this disappointing result," concluding with the remark "the company's operations have evidently been conducted very carelessly and unprofitably up to the present." The Financial Times concludes a brief notice with the remark: "The bulk of the loss has arisen in connection with the Stickine river expedition, which turned out disastrously, but we doubt whether the shareholders will regard this as a valid excuse for the fiasco which the company has proved."

Taken a Big Contract.

[Bonner's Ferry Herald, January 28th.]

A lumber contract of 5,000,000 feet has recently been taken by the Lumber Company of Bonner's Ferry. They have contracted to supply Porter Brothers with all the bridge timber for the Kootenay Valley railway. In addition to their mill at Bonner's Ferry, the company will operate a portable mill and saw lumber along the line at points nearer where needed.

Beer for Manila.

Over a million bottles of beer consigned to firms in Manila were shipped on the Empress of Japan, which left Vancouver on Monday. This is the largest of several shipments that have been sent to the Philippines by Americans over the Canadian Pacific line of vessels. The beer arrived in 25 cars and was mostly from the Seattle, Milwaukee and other brewery towns.

One Man Has Many Jobs.

The one-man-one-job idea does not seem to prevail to any extent in Alvinston, Ontario. Here is a copy of a resolution recently passed by the town council of that place.

"Moved by McKellar, seconded by Cummings, that A. J. Trolley be appointed chief constable, truant officer, caretaker of cemetry, overseer of highways, janitor, sanitary inspector, tree inspector, cleaning streets and crossings, cutting weeds, collector of poll tax and dog tax, ringing curfew bell and cleaning snow opposite fire hall, at a salary of $10. Carried.

Ontario Legislature in Session.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The legislative assembly met yesterday. Premier Hardy will have a majority of 12 on division. Whitney, leader of the opposition, was not present at the opening.

Reward! $50!

To the persons giving information leading to the discovery of the whereabouts of ROBERT S. QUACKENBUSH, will be paid the above reward. Robert S. Quackenbush left this vicinity March, 1886, going to the Pacific coast, and has not been heard from since February, 1890. He has money here due him which will be paid to him at once, when found. The parties are anxious to hear from him very soon. He is 29 years old. He formerly lived at Pine Hill, town of Manchester, Jackson County, Wisconsin. Address G. M. PERRY, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Province of British Columbia, Nelson, West Kootenay, to wit:

By virtue of a warrant of execution issued out of the supreme court of British Columbia at the suit of D. Peters, M. McBeath, F. W. Stamivitz, L. J. Conkey, J. G. McLean, John Bell and James Bell, plaintiffs, doing business as a mining partnership, under the name style of the Free Coinage Company, and to me directed against the goods and chatels of Charles Sampson and, F. P. Sherwood, defendants, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, and interests of said defendants, in the following mineral claims "Bismark," "Humming Bird" and "Mountain Goat" situated in the Ainsworth Mining Division, and recorded in the mining recorder's office at the city of Kaslo, B.C., to recover the sum of $696.45 amount of said execution, besides, costs, sheriff's poundage, and all other legal incidental expenses, all of which I shall expose for sale, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said judgment, debts and costs, at the front of my office (next to the court house), in the city of Nelson, B. C., on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1899, at the hour of 11 o'clock, in the forenoon.

Note:—Intending purchasers will satisfy themselves as to interest and title of said defendants.

WILLIAM P. ROBINSON, Sheriff.

Dated Kaslo, January 25th, 1899.

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Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

EVENING STAR AND HAPPY JACK MINERAL CLAIMS, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED BETWEEN SANDY AND EAGLE CREEKS, ABOUT FIVE MILES WEST FROM NELSON.

Take notice that I, Arthur S. Farwell, acting as agent for George A. Kirk, free miner's certificate No. 83385, and John A. Turner, free miner's certificate No. 1961A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for certificates of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining crown grants of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

A. S. FARWELL.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1898. [Dec. 24]

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

NUMBER TWO MINERAL CLAIM, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED OPPOSITE FORTY-NINE MILE CREEK, TWO AND A HALF MILES DISTANT FROM KOOTENAY AND COLUMBIA RAILWAY, FORMERLY THE JERSEY LILY GROUND.

Take notice that I, George R. G. O'Driscoll, for myself and as agent for Edmund C. Traves, free miner's certificate No. 1651A, and George H. H. Symonds, free miner's certificate No. 2170A, free miner's certificate No. 2751A, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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

GEORGE R. G. O'DRISCOLL.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1898. [Nov. 26th

Notice of Application for Certificate of Improvements.

BERLIN L 3251 G. 1, EUREKA L 3255 G. 1, O. V. G. FRACTION L 3251 G. 1, BRITANNIA L 3253 G. 1, GRAND L. 1810 G. 1, MAC FRACTION L 3256 G. 1, MINERAL CLAIMS, SITUATE IN THE NELSON MINING DIVISION OF WEST KOOTENAY DISTRICT, AND LOCATED ON TOAD MOUNTAIN, ADJOINING THE HALL MINES.

Take notice that I, John Hirsch, as agent for the Hall Mines Company, Limited, free miner's certificate No. 2551A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claims. And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

JOHN HIRSCH.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1898. [Jan 25]

Kootenay Railway & Navigation Co.
LAKE AND RIVER DIVISION

STR. INTERNATIONAL
Daily except Sunday. Pacific standard time

KASLO TO NELSON

South bound	Read down		Read up	North bound
Leave 6:30 a.m.		Kaslo	8:30 p.m.	Arrive
Due 7:30 "		Ainsworth	7:10 "	Due
Due 8:00 "		Pilot Bay	6:30 "	Due
Due 8:15 "		Balfour	6:00 "	Due
Due 9:15 "		Five-mile Point	5:10 "	Due
Arrive 10:30 "		Nelson	4:30 "	Leave

Connects with N. & Fl. S. Ry. train for Spokane, leaving Five-mile Point at 10:05 a.m.
Steamers leave Kaslo city wharf at foot of Third street
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Leave.	DAILY	Arrive.
6:10 p. m.	NELSON	10:30 p. m.

Main Line and Intermediate Points via Slocan Lake.

Leave.	DAILY	Arrive.
6:30 a. m.	NELSON	8:30 p. m.

Kootenay Lake--Kaslo Route--Steamer Kokanee.

Leave.	Daily Except Sunday	Arrive.
1:00 p. m.	NELSON	11:00 a. m.

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Mon., Wed., Fri.		Tues., Thurs., Sat.
8:00 a. m. Leave	NELSON	Arrive 6:50 p. m.

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Steamers on their respective routes call at principal landings in both directions, and at other points when signalled.
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Leave		Arrive
6:20 a. m	NELSON	5:35 p.m.
12.05 a. m	ROSSLAND	12:20 p. m.
8:30 a. m	SPOKANE	3:10 p. m.

The train that leaves Nelson at 6:20 a. m., makes close connections at Spokane with trains for all Pacific Coast points.
Passengers for Kettle River and Boundary Creek connect at Marcus with stage daily.
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GOING WEST		DAILY	GOING EAST	
Leave	8.00 a. m.	Kaslo	Arrive 3.55 p. m.	
"	8.32 "	South Fork	" 3.20 "	
"	9.30 "	Sproule's	" 2.25 "	
"	9.45 "	Whitewater	" 2.10 "	
"	9.55 "	Bear Lake	" 2 00 "	
"	10.12 "	McGuigan	" 1.45 "	
"	10.25 "	Bailey's	" 1.34 "	
"	10.33 "	Cody Junction	" 1 23 "	
Arrive	10.40 "	Sandon	Leave 1.15 "	

CODY BRANCH.

Leave	11.00 a. m.	Sandon	Arrive 11.40 a. m
Arrive	11.15 "	Cody	Leave 11.25 "

G. F. COPELAND, Superintendent.

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To and from European points via Canadian and American lines. Apply for sailing dates, rates, tickets, and full information to any Canadian Pacific railway agent or
C. P. R. City Agent, Nelson.
WILLIAM STITT, General S. S. Agent, Winnipeg.

TODAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Wilson & Harshaw, Nelson—Teamsters.
Fred Irvine & Co., Nelson—Change in advertisement.

LOCAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The ice was in excellent condition last night at the Crystal rink and the second masquerade carnival was largely attended both by skaters and spectators. The prize winners were as follows: Lady's best fancy costume, Miss McMillan, representing a Greek maiden; gentleman's best fancy costume, W. E. Wasson, representing Oricon, the Twelfth Knight; most original comic costume, James McCreath, representing Mephistopheles.

Fred Bosquet, of P. Burns & Company's meat market, met with a very severe and painful accident yesterday evening. He and another employe were engaged in hanging meat in the refrigerator when one of the heavy iron hooks became detached from the bar. Bosquet was stooping down at the time and the hook caught in the back of his right ear, tearing its way completely through the cartilaginous part. Dr. Forin dressed the wound, which required twelve stitches to bring the torn parts together.

The transfer of a one-third interest in the Lord Minto mineral claim, situate on Tamarac mountain, two miles northeast of Ymir, from W. J. Noble to Matilda Escalet of Rossland, was recorded today in the Nelson office; consideration, $25.

W. Wilkinson, who is connected with the London offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, is in Nelson to become better acquainted with the resources of the country, so that he may be in a better position to give information to intending emigrants.

Charles E. Woods of New Westminster died at Cranbrook on Saturday. He leaves a wife and daughter. He was a son of the late archdeacon Woods of the church of England at New Westminster.

Although the public school at Nelson is not considered as good as the size of the town would warrant, yet the attendance is fairly good. The number of pupils registered is 326, while the number attending is 252. The average actual attendance is 179. The honor roll for the month was as follows: Jack Bannerman, Ross Fleming, Hannah Knudson, Beatrice Pfeiffer, Pearl McAlmon, Edith Thelin, Clara Murphy, Milton McCandlish, Alma Myers, Raymond Bard, Harold Aldous, Eileen DesBrisay and Winnifred Kinahan.

Kenneth E. Mackenzie, at present accountant in the Merchants Bank at Nelson, it is said, will be manager of that bank's branch at Ymir when it is started.

The pastor of St. Paul's church is reported as saying that his congregation is made up of so many influential residents of the town that newspapers should be very guarded in making comments regarding church affairs. The pastor of St. Paul's needs the aid of the newspapers to keep both him and his sinners straight.

Police magistrate Crease had three cases before him today. One pleaded guilty of being drunk and swearing on Baker street, and was fined $5 and costs. Another pleaded guilty of an assault, and was fined $10 and costs. The case of Louis Rougerot, on the charge of being insane and dangerous, was remanded until tomorrow for further evidence and medical examination.

The Victoria hockey team of Rossland will arrive in Nelson tomorrow to play a friendly game with the Nelson team.

M. DesBrisay of Nelson is at Mission, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific, taking stock in his branch store at that place.

A. H. Holdich will deliver a lecture in the mission room of St. Saviour's church, next Tuesday evening, on the subject, "Fire as a Chemical Force," illustrated by experiments.

The members of the Hume Campaign Executive Committee are requested to put in an appearance at the committee room, in the Bank of British Columbia building, tonight at 8 o'clock sharp. Every member is expected to show up.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Hospital Aid will be held in the school-room of St. Paul's church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Colin C. Brown, who in Nelson's early days as a commercial center, handled the bulk of its hardware trade for R. E. Lemon, is in Nelson today. He is now on the road for Caverhill, Learmont & Co. of Montreal, and is meeting with considerable success in the sale of hardware in carload lots.

Commodore Troup returned from Nakusp last evening, where he was looking after the movement of freight on the C. P. R. company's steamers. He says the recent storm was general but unusually severe on the Arrow lakes.

The Day Set.

John A. Turner, returning officer, issued his proclamation respecting the approaching provincial election late yesterday afternoon. By it the electors of the Nelson riding are required to attend at the court house at Nelson on Friday, February 10th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent them in the provincial legislature. Should a poll be necessary, the voting will take place on the following Tuesday, Febuary 14th. The following places have been designated for polling: Nelson, Ryckerts, Ymir, Waneta, Proctor's Landing, Kuskonook, Creston, Hall Siding, Erie, Salmo and Toad Mountain.

Continues to Climb.

Stock in the Athabasca mine continues to climb up in Toronto and the brokers there who are handling the same say that with a good month's return from the company's mill the public favor which the stock commands in that city would keep it climbing until par was reached. There is very little local trading in Athabasca, most of those who have the stock being content to hold the same for the sharp advance which they confidently expect will take place within the next few weeks.

Force to be Increased.

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