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THE CITY BYLAWS ARE ALL BAD

Effect of Justice Martin's Decision.

The judgment of Mr. justice Martin in the case of Traves vs. the City of Nelson reached Nelson yesterday. So far as it could be, it is a complete victory for E. C. Traves in his fight against the fire-limit bylaw of the city, and incidentally the opinion of the court is given that all the city bylaws which were supposed to have been brought into effect by revising bylaw No. 25 are of no effect. Just what action the members of the city council will take in the matter has yet to be decided. It is open for the council to appeal from the judgment of Mr. justice Martin to the full court, when the whole case would be reopened. The general opinion is that this course will be adopted.

Traves vs. City of Nelson.

Acting under the provisions of bylaw No. 7 of its revised bylaws, the defendant corporation on the 15th day of July last notified the plaintiff in writing to pull down and remove within seven days "a building or addition to a building, now erected or in course of erection" in the city of Nelson, within the fire limits as defined by that bylaw, and further, that if the plaintiff made default in so removing the building it would be removed by the corporation at the plaintiff's expense. Thereupon this action was commenced and an interim injunction obtained to prevent the threatened trespass, and the plaintiff now asks for a perpetual injunction and damages.

A number of objections are taken to the validity of the bylaw, and I shall consider first that which I now deem most important.

This bylaw derives its existence from and under bylaw No. 25, "for revising and consolidating the bylaws of the city of Nelson." Objection was taken to the manner of passing it through the council, and the details of procedure there adopted, such as not actually reading or considering the whole bylaw or the printed roll A (the first two pages of the revising bylaw 25, containing the operative words were read); but I regard the particular matters so complained of as being "domestic" in their nature, and, no objection having been taken at the time, it is now too late to do so.

But a peculiar question here arises by reason of section 1 of this revising bylaw 25, which is:

> 1. The printed roll marked "A" and attested as that of the draft revision and consolidation under the signature of the mayor and the city clerk of the city of Nelson, and deposited in the office of the city clerk of the said city, shall be held to be the original thereof.

It appears by the cross-examination of the city clerk that at the time the council finally passed the revising bylaw the printed roll "A" had not been attested under the signature of the mayor and city clerk, and that this was not done until after the council meeting had adjourned, and at the same time that the mayor and city clerk attested the revising bylaw, roll "A" was not at any time actually read or considered by the council.

Counsel for the defendant argued that all regularity in favor of the bylaw must be presumed, and that therefore the court could not inquire into the attestation of roll "A." On the other hand plaintiff's counsel urges that, while admitting the doctrine of favorable presumption in general, yet in the presence of direct evidence the doctrine has no application. It is here established as a fact that at the time the council was exercising its legislative functions there was nothing upon which those functions could operate. There was no roll in existence which had been attested in the manner prescribed by section 1, or attested at all. The council adjourns and disperses, and after that the mayor and clerk affix their signatures to a document. The case for the city must be that such subsequent attestation brought into existence a particular attested roll, which the council had treated as being already actually before it, but which as a matter of fact was not. During the argument counsel were unable to refer me to any case decided upon such circumstances, and it is not surprising, for the occurrence is one hardly to have been looked for. The nearest case I have been able to discover is "The London & Canadian Loan Company vs. Rural Municipality of Morris, (1890) 7 Mor. 128." There an attempt was made to have the court investigate certain alleged fraudulent irregularities in the passage of a bill through a provincial legislature, but it was held that the mode or means of passage could not be inquired into after the bill had become an Act by passing the house and receiving the royal assent. That case, while an authority in support of the view I have taken as to a presumption in favor of regularity in the passing of the revising bylaw, does not, of course, go to the point now taken. What is now complained of is something far removed from our irregularity. The section here in question is the same, mutatis mutandis, as that of the same number in the "Act Respecting the Revised Statutes of British Columbia," R.S.BC. CXI. In that case the printed roll "A" is required to be attested by the lieutenant-governor and clerk of the house. Now assuming that the Act had received the royal assent, and it afterwards turned out that at the time of the passage of the Act no such roll was in existence, could it be successfully argued that the laws of this province would depend upon an unidentified document, afterwards brought into life? It seems to me that it would be dangerous in the extreme to sanction such a state of affairs. And the danger is increased in the case of a municipal council where there would be more opportunity for the operations of unscrupulous persons, if so disposed.

I am driven to the conclusion, somewhat reluctantly if I may say so, that the objection is too serious, in the public interest, to pass over, and that there is no way by which such a defect in legislation, parliamentary or municipal, can be cured. The revising bylaw is good, so far as it is itself concerned, but it has operated on nothing, and has brought nothing into existence, therefore the plaintiff has not been guilty of any offence against it, and his rights of property have been unlawfully interfered with by the corporation, relying on a bylaw, No. 1, which never had any foundation whatever for even being so termed.

Such being the view I take it is not necessary to consider the other objections. But the point is submitted by the defendant that the suit or action is barred by section 91 of the Municipal Clauses Act (sections 91 and 92 of the Act are here cited). A section in Ontario similar to 91 has received much judicial attention for many years past, notably in the case of Connor vs. Middagh, 16, A R, 356, where the principal decisions are reviewed. * * * * *

I regard this action as being substantially one for an injunction, to which the plaintiff is entitled. The course he took was the only one then open to him to save his property from destruction; but as to damages I do not think I should, in view of the above authorities, entertain the question. Perhaps I shall state that in my opinion the case of Midland Railway Company vs. Withington Local Board (1883) 52 L. J., Q. B., 680, does not take the defendant's case further than the Ontario cases do. There will be an injunction as prayed, and the plaintiff should have his costs.

Police Magistrate's Conviction Quashed.

Traves was also successful in the certiorari proceedings to quash the conviction of police magistrate Crease under which Traves was fined $100 for a breach of the fire limits bylaw. In his judgment in this case Mr. justice Martin says: As I understood the course of the argument, I am to entertain in this application the objections taken, and the argument therein pro and con, in the case of Traves vs. Nelson, which was argued immediately before this motion, and also two additional objections herein taken by Mr. Taylor. In view of the fact that I have just delivered judgment in the prior case to the effect that no such bylaw as the corporation relies upon ever had any existence, it would seem unnecessary to consider the other points raised, and I shall not do so unless counsel shall communicate with the district registrar at Nelson and show reasons for my doing so.

SEVERE STORM IN ALASKA.

VICTORIA, December 27.—The steamer Tees of this city arrived at noon from Skagway with fifteen passengers after a very rough trip. Among her passengers were a number of late arrivals from Dawson. The Tees was delayed for three days at Skagway awaiting the train which had been laid up from Monday to Friday by one of the most severe wind and snow storms ever known in Alaska. It commenced on the 18th and lasted to the 22nd. Several of the passengers on the steamer were among those stormbound on the train. Some left the train at the tunnel and marched to Skagway and others were brought to that city by a special train.

The train on which the passengers came from Bennett followed the rotary and was pushed by two engines. When the plow was a mile south of the switchback it cut out the lower part of the accumulated face of snow on the face of the mountain side. This loosened the mass above and it came down with a rush, burying the plow and locomotives out of sight. The passenger train behind was not touched by the slide. There were fifteen feet of snow in the cut. After the rotary had been freed from the bank which buried it, it struck a boulder hidden in the snow, and of its twenty steel knives, only seven were left. Food was secured by the stormbound people at the rate of 50 cents for a cup of coffee and sandwich on the train.

A Few Insurgents Are Still Left.

MANILA, December 26.—General Santa Ana with a force of insurgents estimated at 300 attacked the garrison at Subig yesterday. A body of marines were sent from Olongapo to reinforce the garrison, and the Filipinos were driven back, several being killed. There were no casualties on the American side. A company of the 46th volunteer infantry, together with a contingent of marines, has been sent from Manila to reinforce the Subig garrison artillery still further.

FRANCE IS IN AN UPROAR

Over the Conspiracy Trials.

PARIS, December 26.—The public prosecutor this afternoon began his opening speech before the high court (senate) in the conspiracy cases. He reviewed the evidence which, he said showed the conspiracy was more dangerous than when the compte de Paris so far forgot the traditions of his family as to join hands with general Boulanger. This evoked noisy protests from the audience, and the excited M. Jules Guerin called upon the president of the council, M. Fallieres, not to permit the prosecutor to indulge in such insulting remarks, but the prosecutor continued, saying that the same men who conspired ten years ago had again plotted to overthrow the republic. The compte de Paris, he added, was dead, but the duc D'Orleans pursued the same system. The remarks of the prosecutor were soon drowned by the vehement interruptions of the prisoners.

M. Fallieres rang his bell to restore order and eventually the prosecutor was heard to declare that he had decided, owing to want of evidence to abandon the prosecution of six of the prisoners, M. Chevilly, Frenchencourt, Brunet, Cailly, Bourmunt and Balliere. He then recapitulated the story of the anti-republican machination of the duc D'Orleans and his agent, M. Buffet. The latter violently protesting, an uproar ensued, many of the senators demanding M. Buffet's expulsion. Three of the prisoners, Cailly, Brunet, and Jules Guiles then shouted if M. Buffet was expelled from the session, they would also wish to be expelled. Perfect pandemonium reigned. Finally the court in secret session decided to expel both Buffet and Cailly until their counsel's speech for the defence.

THREE WEEKS AT MODDER RIVER

Guess at Methuen's Plans.

LONDON, December 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News telegraphing Wednesday, December 20th, says: "General Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer. From Boer sources hitherto singularly well informed I learn that there are eight thousand European officers and men skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria, as a reserve. An administrative officer in the Cape service, who has just returned from official relieving duty in the Dutch district, says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there is no open revolt."

LONDON, December 27—4:50 a.m.—Despatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed, but they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relieved.

The transport Tantallon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a number of howitzers and quick-firing guns, which general Buller urgently needs. The government has chartered the Lake Erie, of the new Elder Dempster Company Line, which was built for the Canadian mail service. She is a vessel of 12,000 tons. The recruiting of the British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding. Thirty thousand are already under arms, and several thousand more will be added.

The tests of wireless telegraphy at Modder river, have been highly successful, communication over a distance of seventy miles being perfectly established. Marconi instruments intended for the Boers, have been seized at Cape Town.

A dispatch from Chieveley camp, dated Thursday, December 21 says: "Lyddite shells are daily thrown into Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith."

Big Snowslide at Glacier.

GLACIER, December 27, 1:30 a. m.—The operator at Glacier reports that an immense avalanche swept down the mountain, covering 850 feet of the track and taking out five telegraph poles and prostrating the wires. Trees twelve inches thick were observed in the slide, and it is not known what else may be under the surface and what is the condition of the track. The slide covers the track five to twenty feet deep.

Taken at a True Valuation.

WASHINGTON, December 26.—At the state department and the British embassy not the slightest attention is being paid to the many stories of Fenian activity that are appearing in newspapers in all parts of the United States. Officials of the state department when asked regarding the stories published shrug their shoulders and say they are not worth noticing.

MORE THAN HOLDS HIS OWN

Burghers Captured at Modder River.

LONDON, December 27.—Despatches from Modder River, dated Thursday, December 21st report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides although the Boer shells fell short. A number of Free State burghers, had surrendered. There is an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont. It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

There appears to be no change in the situation. A despatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Thursday, December 21st, gives the following from the Boers' headquarters dated Tuesday, December 19th: "The British naval guns at Colenso, have been cannonading Bulwer Bridge, over the Tugela River, with a view of smashing it. The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly.

LONDON, December 27.—More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Colonel Bullock, majors Walters, Bulwark, Foster and Dick, captains Nortern, Fitzherbert, Ford, Hutchinson, lieutenants Bronham, Smythes, Bourne, O'Conney, Kunbauld, Christian, Sprigg, Birch, Halfard, Larbull and Jones.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated December 15th, by telegraph says, "In another sortie last night general Hunter with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch creusote gun, one Howitzer and one Maxim, one Briton killed. The Boers gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters here that general Buller's destruction of the Tugela bridge, heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is, that the British will not make any serious move pending the arrival of general Roberts.

DOES NOT WANT THEM NOW

Germany Will Not Buy Danish West Indies.

BERLIN, December 26.—The German government has definitely abandoned all idea of acquiring the Danish West Indies, either by purchase or otherwise. The correspondent of the Associated Press received this information from an authoritative source today. The German embassy in Washington has left no doubt that any such attempt would be looked upon by the Americans as an unfriendly act and as a serious infringement of the Monroe doctrine. According to the same authority the reports representing that Denmark is negotiating to sell the islands to the United States are either entirely premature or without foundation.

BERLIN, December 26. — There was another heavy snowfall in Germany today and street traffic is greatly impeded. One lesson from the severe snows of the last two weeks is that the accumulator electric car system is a failure. The Berlin lines will substitute overhead wires.

HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY.

It seems probable that the net receipts of the Mansion House fund smoker will run close to $800. G. S. Beer, who has charge of the finances, has yet to hear from several of those who had tickets to dispose of, but since the concert has received some $30 in subscriptions which will swell the fund materially. A number of enthusiasts are projecting another concert in the near future for the same object, and it is suggested that the ladies will participate.

Al Tregillus of Nelson and John Tregillus of Cariboo leave Nelson today for a trip around the world. They will take the Empress of India, which sails from Vancouver on Monday, for Hong Kong. From Hong Kong they will take a run down to Manila; thence to Calcutta in India; through the northern provinces of India to Bombay; from Bombay to Egypt; thence to Italy. They expect to be in England in time to run over to Paris for the opening of the exposition. Boys, may you have a pleasant trip and a safe return to British Columbia.

The city newsboys and telegraph messengers were entertained at dinner on Christmas night at the hotel Hume. About a score of lads partook of the elaborate menu, and left with hearty cheers for the proprietor. During the day mine host Hume was presented with a magnificent solitaire diamond ring.

Mr. Justice Martin has delivered judgment in the case of Robert Kerr vs. the Oddfellows Building Investment Company Limited, in which the contractor sued for a balance upon the contract price of the Oddfellows Block and for damages. Judgment was given for the defendant company with costs.

W. Rogers, chief engineer of the steamer Kokanee, is enjoying a vacation in the Coast cities. During Mr. Roger's absence his duties will be performed by R. L. Brown of the Ymir, who is, in turn, succeeded temporarily by J. C. Young of the Rossland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wright, corner Josephine and Carbonate street, mourn the loss of a bright infant child, which died of meningitis on Sunday. The funeral took place yesterday.

Paul Greyerbiehl, father of the child who was injured by falling from the sidewalk at the new Madden block, has issued a writ for damages against the city. It is stated that the little girl is seriously hurt.

Salvation Army Observes Christmas.

The Salvation Army celebrated Christmas with right good will. On Sunday the band marched out in strong force and serenaded a number of prominent citizens, among these being Messrs. Taylor, Stokes, Traves, Buchanan, Irwin, Houston and McFarland. On Monday the general hospital and other points were visited. At the residence of judge Forin the musicians were entertained to cocoa and cake. On Monday evening a Christmas tree for the youngsters was unveiled at the barracks. Ensign Lester presided and about 350 spectators were crowded into the hall. The tree was laden with gifts for the little ones, and the distribution of presents proved a rare treat. During the evening the members of the band presented bandmaster Frost with a handsome silver watch, in evidence of their appreciation of his services. About $30 was realized for the purpose of adding new instruments to the band equipment. On Tuesday and Wednesday next, staff-captain Gage, chancellor at Spokane, will visit Nelson for the purpose of bestowing commissions on various members of the corps here. George Dickson and L. Pogue will be commissioned secretary and junior sergeant-major, respectively. A number of new bandsmen will be taken on the strength of the corps.

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM IS ACTIVE

Everyone is Abusing War Office.

LONDON, December 27.—The newspapers continue actively discussing and criticizing the management of the campaign. The advent of horse sickness throws increased attention on the question of the transports and the want of wagons which may tie up the British forces to railways.

The Daily Chronicle says: "Plenty of wagons could be obtained from the United States but the government with very indiscreet patriotism, have refused to avail themselves of the opportunity. It would have been better if the authorities had followed lord Kitchener's example at Atbara Bridge. Will they even now apply to the American factories?"

The Times editorially attacks the administration of the war office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing "glaring defects" and declaring that the British army is being managed for the benefit of the war office and not of the nation.

Dispatches from various points indicate the steady growth of disaffection. The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners. The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists, and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

The 16th Lancers will go to South Africa from India, at the special request of lord Roberts, even after the government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India.

LONDON, December 27.—The Times in a special article discussing the international law aspects of Boer importations, through Delagoa bay says: "Were we to adopt either with, or without the consent of Portugal, the drastic measures which are so airily suggested in some quarters, we might find ourselves suddenly confronted with international complications far more serious, and injurious to the successful prosecution of the South African war, than the evils of which it was sought to secure an abatement."

Earthquake in California.

SAN JACINTO, California, December 26. —This little city is a scene of desolation from the earthquake which centred here on Christmas morning and destroyed every brick building in the town. At the Sadoba Indian reservation near here a dance had been held the night before and a great quantity of whisky consumed by the Indians, sent some of them into a drunken stupor before the shock came. A number of squaws had huddled together in an old building and were sleeping off the effects of the liquor. The walls fell in upon them, six being killed outright and two dying later, while a score more were badly injured. There is not a business house in town but what has suffered.

THE WARNER MILLER SYNDICATE

Have Struck it on the Smuggler.

NEW DENVER, December 25. — The operations on the Warner Miller syndicate in the Slocan are meeting with pronounced success, and the corporation has undoubtedly succeeded in securing control of some very valuable property. Chief among the latter is the Smuggler group, in the vicinity of the Molly Gibson, a mine which it bids fair to rival. Late arrivals in town from the head of Ten-mile state that the crosscut driven in on the Smuggler to tap the lead, has attained the desired goal, with a magnificent showing of 14 inches of ore as soon as the vein was tapped. Almost the whole of this is the solid, shipping article, and is similiar in character to that of the Molly Gibson. The management is greatly pleased with the results of the development, and will actively work the new strike during the winter. It is given out that so soon as the snow is gone in the spring a wagon road will be built up Ten-mile creek to the new camp by the syndicate, tapping the Enterprise road at Aylwin. The contract for packing in supplies from Ten-mile was finished last week and the horses taken off the creek.

All the mines in the camp closed down Saturday for the usual Christmas holidays. The effect on business in Sandon and this place was pronounced.

A splendid beginning as a shipper is being made by the Florida, a Jackson basin property. Its second shipment in a fortnight went out last week, consisting of 19 tons. The Florida is credited with over a foot of ore, and as a result the price of stock is stiffening rapidly.

At the Queen Bess three men are stoping ore under lease, in the No. 3 workings. The management reports 102 tons of ore mined last month, at an estimated net value of $6800.

Next Monday another one cent per share dividend will be paid the lucky shareholders in the Rambler-Cariboo.

On Wednesday next the Siver-Lead Mines Association will hold another meeting at Sandon, at which will be reported the result of the committee's official conferences with the miners' unions looking towards a settlement of the present labor question. It is understood that the reply of the men is in the form of a counter proposition to the association regarding the compromise offer, and this will come before the managers at the meeting. The situation in the camp just now, apart from the numerous rumors in circulation, is one of hopeful expectancy.

The Rambler-Cariboo has just made a 58-ton shipment of ore.

A rush of water has caused a suspension of work at the Surprise. Pumps are to be installed and operations resumed.

Volunteers for the Second Contingent.

C. D. Jarvis, second gaoler at the provincial gaol, will be one to represent Nelson in the second Canadian contingent, even if no general call for volunteers is made in this district. He served in the Northwest Mounted Police, and tendered his services to colonel Herchmer, commissioner of police, as soon as a second contingent was decided on. He has been instructed to get a medical certificate that he is "physical fit," and to hold himself in readiness for active service. Lieutenant Beer has received applications from forty Nelson men and from a number in addition resident in outside points; but up to the present time has received no instructions from headquarters. Ex-recorder Alex Sproat of New Denver offers to serve and to furnish his own equipment and horse; also provincial policeman Forbes of New Denver. The latter served in the Chiu Hashai campaign in Burmah, stands 6 feet 1 inch, and measures 40 inches around the chest. He comes of a fighting stock; his father served in the Crimea and Indian mutiny, and he has a brother shut up in Ladysmith at the present time.

Bull-dog Mountain Tunnel.

The long tunnels on the Columbia & Western Railway through Bulldog mountain now only needs to be cleared out and the track laid through it to be completed. Messrs Tye and Sullivan walked through it on Saturday last. The actual tunnel is 3000 feet long; with the approaches at either end it measures 3700 feet. It is expected that the Columbia & Western road will be taken over by the operating department of the Canadian Pacific Railway about the 1st February.

Service Will Begin Today.

The officials of the tramway line have decided to operate the road between the C. P. R. and the Nelson & Fort Sheppard depots at once, and a start will be made today. A time card will be arranged and announced later. The line south of Baker street will not be used pending the introduction of appliances which will render a repetition of Saturday's accident impossible. Peters, the injured motorman, is progressing nicely. No collapse followed the shock of the accident, and the physicians state that he will recover rapidly.

A Liberal Donation.

MONTREAL, December 26.—The Bank of Montreal directors today voted two thousand guineas to the relief fund for British soldiers, and the directors further personally subscribed fifteen hundred guineas.

ABOUT BLANKETS

Blankets are not nice for street wear--that is, unless one is an Indian; but for warmth and real comfort nothing excels the blanket as a bed covering. These two necessary qualities are to be found in these all-wool blankets of ours. And at such prices.

6-Pound all-wool blankets .....4.00 per pair
7-Pound all-wool blankets .....5.00 "
8-Pound all-wool blankets .....5.50 "

MARTIN O'REILLY & CO.
HOUSTON BLOCK, BAKER STREET. TERMS CASH

ONE IN A BOX

Just received by express a fine assortment of
SILK SUSPENDERS AND TIES, ONE IN A BOX
A very suitable Christmas or New Year Present
A large lot of Silk Handkerchiefs, Initial and Plain
Fancy goods but not fancy prices.

MEN'S OUTFITTER
Sign of the RED HAT, Baker St., Nelson
J. F. WEIR

Wholesale Houses

NELSON B. C.

GROCERIES.

A. MACDONALD & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine streets, wholesale grocers and jobbers in blankets, gloves, mitts, boots, rubbers, mackinaws and miners' sundries.

KOOTENAY SUPPLY COMPANY, LIMITED—Vernon street, Nelson, wholesale grocers.

JOHN CHOLDITCH & CO.—Front street, Nelson, wholesale grocers.

COAL.

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL COMPANY.—Wholesale dealers in coal and coke. Charles St. Barbe, Agent. Baker street, Nelson.

HARDWARE AND MINING SUPPLIES.

H. BYERS & CO.—Corner Baker and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies. Agents for Giant Powder Co.

LAWRENCE HARDWARE COMPANY—Baker St. Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies, and water and plumbers' supplies.

VANCOUVER HARDWARE COMPANY, LIMITED—Baker street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in hardware and mining supplies, plumbers and tinsmiths' supplies.

ÆRATED AND MINERAL WATERS.

THORPE & CO., LIMITED.—Corner Vernon and Cedar streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in aerated waters and fruit syrups. Sole agents for Halcyon Springs mineral water.

ASSAYERS' SUPPLIES.

W. F. TEETZEL & CO.—Corner Baker and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in assayers supplies. Agents for Denver Fire Clay Co. of Denver, Colorado.

LIQUORS AND DRY GOODS.

TURNER, BEETON & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars and dry goods. Agents for Pabst Brewing Co. of Milwaukee and Calgary Brewing Co. of Calgary.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

H. J. EVANS & CO.—Baker street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in liquors, cigars, cement, fire brick and fire clay, water pipe and steel rails, and general commission merchants.

FLOUR AND FEED.

BRACKMAN & KER MILLING COMPANY LTD.—Front street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in flour, oatmeal, etc., and hay and grain. Mills at Edmonton, Victoria, and New Westminster.

CIGARS.

KOOTENAY CIGAR MANUFACTURING CO.—Corner Baker and Hall streets, Nelson, manufacturers of "Royal Seal" and "Kootenay Belle" brands of cigars

PAINTS AND OILS.

NELSON HARDWARE COMPANY—Baker Street—Wholesale dealers in paints, oils, and brushes of all kinds. Largest stock in Kootenay.

FRESH AND SALT MEATS.

P. BURNS & CO.—Baker street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in fresh and cured meats. Cold storage.

POWDER, CAPS AND FUSE.

HAMILTON POWDER COMPANY—Baker street, Nelson, manufacturers of dynamite, sporting, stumping and black blasting powders, wholesale dealers in caps and fuse, and electric blasting apparatus.

PROVISIONS, PRODUCE AND FRUITS.

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

J. Y. GRIFFIN & CO.—Corner Vernon and Josephine streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, cured meats, butter and eggs.

F. R. STEWART & CO.—Warehouse on C.P.R. track, foot of Stanley street, Nelson, wholesale dealers in provisions, produce and fruits. Cold storage. Agents Armour & Co.'s bacon, hams, lard and other products.

MANITOBA PRODUCE AND COMMISSION CO., Ltd.—Nelson branch, Hall street. Wholesale dealers in butter, eggs and cheese.

SASH AND DOORS.

NELSON SAW AND PLANING MILLS, LIMITED—Corner Front and Hall streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in sash and doors; all kinds of factory work made to order.

WINES AND CIGARS.

CALIFORNIA WINE COMPANY, LIMITED—Corner Front and Hall streets, Nelson, wholesale dealers in wines (case and bulk) and domestic and imported cigars.

The Tribune.

THE government is said to be contemplating a Redistribution Bill the coming session. It is a very pious intention. Redistribution of seats is badly needed, and can be carried out without too much interference with vested rights of representation. There is one thing certain, 38 members are enough to carry on the legislative business of this province. The members of the house should not be increased. Nelson and Rossland should each have members of their own. Three members between Cariboo and Lilloet are enough. Some of the coast islands now attached to island constituencies might share in the favor shown to Cassiar and be induced to assist that country in sending two representatives to Victoria. There are now three centres of influence in British Columbia, Victoria including the island interests, Vancouver embracing what is known in controversial politics as the mainland, and Kootenay and South Yale. The last is as important as either of the others and is not interested in their quarrel with one another. Kootenay and Yale would not support a leader just because he belonged to Vancouver nor oppose one simply because he belonged to Victoria. There should be two members of the house elected at large. That would be the natural constituency for anyone aspiring to the position of leader to come before. Under such an arrangement it would not take long to show the people of Vancouver and Victoria both, just what their squabble with one another amounted to in the estimation of the voters of the province.

CHARLES WILSON, Q.C., of Vancouver, has been, and at the same time has not been, elected local leader of the Conservative party. His election was in a manner suspended until a requisition from Kootenay and Yale could be received in its favor. His election was not satisfactory to Victoria Conservatives through reasons connected with his postal address. Charles Wilson, Q.C., of Vancouver, is a very good man, and the Conservatives of Kootenay and Yale would have been glad to follow his leadership if their acquiescence had been taken for granted. But the matter has been apparently made sectional, and the Conservatives of Kootenay and Yale do not feel like being used as a club to beat good Victoria Conservatives on the head. The rank and file have also their private opinion of an organization that by a public appeal to them seems to admit itself weaker than the people whose political conduct it proposes to direct. The Conservative association has made a bad break. It had better elect Charles Wilson, Q.C., straight, and take its chances on what the private members think of its action.

THE Boundary newspapers are wondering why it is that the Rossland Miner is the only daily paper that can be obtained from the news agents on the Columbia & Western trains, and the news agents in the Boundary towns are wondering why it is that the express company only delivers the same paper promptly to them. These are two question that can only be answered by the high officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company outside of British Columbia. The editorial attitude of the Rossland Miner towards the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is hardly a good and sufficient reason why it should be favored in quick delivery over other newspapers published in West Kootenay.

COMMISSIONER CLUTE'S letter on the conclusion of his inquiry in Kootenay does not commit him to any opinions on disputed questions, but it shows conclusively that he is the right man in the right place.

Important Statement by R. C. Clute.

Rossland Miner 26th December.

"Editor Miner: I am asked to give my views on the conditions as they affect mining interests in Southern British Columbia. This, it will readily be seen, I am not at liberty to do, even if I had formed opinions. I may, however, take this opportunity to thank the owners and their representatives and the officers of the various Miners' Unions for their assistance so cheerfully rendered, which has greatly facilitated my work, and I am also glad to learn of the cordial relations which exist between the owners and the men, notwithstanding their different views in relation to wages which exist in some of the camps. I am especially pleased to find that all recognize the sacredness of person, property and individual rights as they exist under British law. This is a matter vital to the well-being of every man, whether he be owner or workman, within the mining districts of Southern British Columbia. In my judgment the recognition of these rights is an absolute necessity to ensure the future prosperity and well-being of this community; that the law cannot and will not tolerate any interference with these rights; and it is a great satisfaction to me to feel, after a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the men representing the different interests here that the first principles of our institutions are fully recognized, and that there is a settled conviction in the minds of all that they shall not be violated. With these principles well fixed and recognized it does not require an optimist to forecast the future of the mining interests of Southern British Columbia. I venture to think they are assured, and can only be imperilled by a forgetfulness that might entail disaster for a time upon all concerned.

"I desire especially to commend the earnest effort put forward by the Sandon Union and the various mine owners in the Slocan district to reach an adjustment of the differences there existing, which I trust will be crowned with success.

"Concluding my work in this part of the province, I bear away with me a confident belief in its future development and prosperity, and extend to those who have so cordially assisted me my sincere thanks.

R. C. CLUTE, Commissioner."

Fire at Athabasca Mine.

A serious fire occurred at the Athabasca mine on Christmas day, when the building known as the old bunk house was completely destroyed. The origin of the blaze is unknown, but it is supposed to have resulted from the careless handling of a miner's candle. The contents, including a quantity of miners' effects, were largely removed in safety, but several of the men lost valuables. All efforts to save the building were unavailing.

Found Guilty.

MONTREAL, December 21.—After being locked up all night, the jury in the case against Lemieux, charged with issuing a false statement to the government re the condition of the Ville Marie Bank, brought in a verdict of guilty this morning. The sentence will be passed during the day.

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The colored regulars in the Philippines are as quick at repartee as they are prompt to obey orders. A black sergeant was hailed by a breezy Western volunteer recently with: "Well, nig, what are you going to do here?" The negro replied: "We're going to take up the white man's burden, I suppose."

Dr. Frankland always wore spectacles. One day on Ludgate Hill a porter passing him was nearly pushed off the pavement by an unintentional motion of the doctor. The fellow, with characteristic insolence, exclaimed: "Damn your spectacles!" Frankland, smiling, observed: "It is not the first time they have saved my eyes."

A day or so after sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, R. A., had been knighted, a lady called upon him and lady Alma-Tadema and expressed herself to him as follows: "Oh, dear sir Lawrence, I am awfully glad to hear of the honor you have received. I suppose, now that you have been knighted, you'll give up painting and live like a gentleman!"

A young minister who did not scruple to fish for compliments, was once invited to take dinner with a douce old elder, as reticent as they make them. Manipulate the conversation as he would, the young man could not get his host to say "sermon," and at last he boldly introduced the important subject by remarking directly, "That was a fine text I had today." But the older knew his man. "Ou, ay, there's naething wrang wi' the text!"

Maurice Barrymore's wit is far famed, but a neat little witticism at his expense was Augustus Thomas's laconic criticism of one of Barrymore's plays. The playwright had been mercilessly picking flaws in the actor's drama until the good-natured "Barry" winced. "Oh, come, Gus," he interrupted, "don't be quite so hard, if it's not an 'Alabama.' Just remember that I wrote it in a week." "Did you, Barry?" retorted Thomas; "then you must have loafed."

The young woman had slipped on the stepping-stones in front of her father's house and injured her knee. It grew so bad that she thought it necessary to call in a physician. She had formed a dislike to the family doctor, so her father suggested several others, and finally it was decided to call the spruce young man with a homeopathic case who passed the house every day. They kept a sharp lookout, and when he came along, called him in. The young lady modestly raised her skirts and showed the disabled member. The little man looked at it and said: "That certainly is quite serious." "Well," she said, "what shall I do?" "If I were you," he whispered, "I would send for a physician; I am a piano-tuner."

An American lady who was in the Highlands shooting with her husband, attended the local kirk one Sunday morning, but left it with scandalous precipitation. For an hour the good minister had been fiercely raging at his benighted congregation, and wound up: "And 'pairhaps" (with pious cunning) "ye'll be thinkin', ye wairthless waistrels, that ye can daddle intae Paradise by clootchin' tae my coat-tails! Dinna be deceivit, for mark weel" (a pause of stern and holy joy), "when the trump of Gabriel sounds, I'll sneck them aff!"

When its limited express trains were put on a few years ago the Lake Shore Railway Company decided to charge extra for the privilege of riding on them, and John Newell, who was president of the system at the time, gave orders that passes, half-rate tickets, etc., should not be honored on the "flyers." It was not intended, of course, that the complimentaries issued to high officials of other roads should be void on the fast trains, but through an oversight a yearly pass was sent to D. W. Caldwell, president of the Nickel Plate, which bore on its face the words: 'Not good on Lake Shore limited trains." A few days after Mr. Caldwell's pass had been issued Mr. Newell received an annual pass on the Nickel Plate, with the following indorsement: "Not good on passenger trains."

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NELSON:

I will be a candidate for the office of mayor at the election to be held on Thursday, January 11th next.

December 20th, 1899. JOHN HOUSTON.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NELSON:

In asking for your support for the office of mayor at the coming election, it is only fair that I should state my views, briefly, on what are considered public questions or issues. No doubt, during the campaign you will have an opportunity to hear these questions and issues discussed, for they are important to the people of this municipality.

1. The public utilities owned by the city should be maintained at a high state of efficiency, and the revenue therefrom collected closely and promptly. The rates should be so adjusted that a fair profit over and above fixed charges can be realized, for the city can no more sell water and light at cost than can the merchant the commodities in which he deals.

2. Direct taxation can only be kept low by limiting the issue of debentures. No debentures should be issued except for the construction of revenue-producing public works.

3. A beginning should be made this year at making permanent street improvements. The main business streets should be macadamized and the main residence streets graded. Sidewalks should be laid with some uniformity, and not according to the different ideas of different officials.

4. The steamboat interests centered at Nelson are second only in importance to the railway interests, and the city should provide modern dock and warehouse facilities at which this business can be handled. The docks and warehouses should be built on plans approved by practical steamboat men, as the future growth and prosperity of the city depend, in a great measure, on the cost of transhipment of merchandise.

5. I am opposed to saloon expansion. There are already a sufficient number of places in Nelson at which liquor can be obtained at retail, and the number should not be increased until the city has a population of ten thousand.

6. Public gambling is looked upon as an evil in civilized countries, and whilst gambling cannot be prevented, there is no good reason why the sound of gambling machinery should equal that from the team traffic on our main business thoroughfares.

7. None but general bylaws should be passed, and when passed they should be enforced.

8. Corporations that have secured franchises from the city should be made to live up to the letter and the spirit of their agreements; but in adjusting differences that may arise there should not be any unnecessary friction.

9. The fire department should be efficiently maintained. The best apparatus should be procured, and the number of men in the volunteer brigade kept at the maximum, for without men, mere apparatus would be useless in times of danger. JOHN HOUSTON.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF NELSON:

In response to numerous requests from business men, property owners and ratepayers, I offer myself as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Nelson at the approaching Municipal Elections.

Briefly stated, my platform is as follows.

If elected it will be my earnest endeavor to assist in more firmly establishing Nelson as the wholesale distributing centre of the Kootenay country—the position for which she has been so admirably designed by nature.

In furtherance of this idea, I will continue my consistent advocacy of the construction of a wharf which will meet present and future requirements of the wholesale and other business interests.

I believe that the city has reached that stage when permanent street improvements have become an absolute necessity and that the cost should be met, as far as feasible, from current revenue and should the citizens see fit to entrust me with the office of mayor, it will be my aim to carry out a well-devised system of street improvements.

It will be my policy to oppose the borrowing of money unless the same be used for the increase or establishment of public works producing a revenue to the taxpayers.

I am opposed to any increase in the salary of mayor, which would necessarily involve a reduction in salaries now paid an efficient staff of officials, or an increased burden to the taxpayers.

I am strongly in favor of maintaining the fire department in a position of thorough efficiency and would advise the adoption of modern equipments, including a fire alarm system and the purchase of a chemical engine, which would effect a reduction in all fire insurance.

It will be my consistent policy to safeguard the taxpayers against any attempts on the part of corporate bodies, carrying on business in Nelson, to encroach upon the rights of the citizens.

In my opinion a sufficient amount of money should be expended upon the parks of the city so that they will provide the citizens with recreation grounds and opportunities for healthful enjoyment.

On all municipal works my policy will be to employ bona fide residents of Nelson and to maintain the public standard rate of wages.

I believe that the public schools in Nelson should be under the control of the city, and that every effort should be made to establish a high school in our midst.

In concluding I wish to say that in the event of my election I will consider it my duty to share with the council the responsibility of the civic administration, believing, as I do, that the assumption of entire authority by one individual is subversive of all constitutional government, whether municipal or otherwise. Yours respectfully,

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The partnership between Dr. D. LaRau and Dr. Alex. Forin has been dissolved, the dissolution to date from December 1st, 1899. All debts due the firm are payable to Dr. D. LaRau, and he will pay all debts of the firm. Dated Nelson, December 1st, 1899.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

Pursuant to "Creditors Trust Deeds Act" and amending Acts.

Notice is hereby given that Thomas Stanley Humphreys and John Whitstance Pittock, trading under the firm name of Humphreys & Pittock as merchants on Baker street, Nelson, British Columbia, have by deed bearing date the 12th day of December, 1899, assigned all their personal estate, credits and effects both partnership and private which may be sold under execution and all their real estate both partnership and private to Webster Foreman Traves of the City of Nelson, British Columbia, contractor, in trust as trustee for creditors both partnership and private for the purpose of distribution amongst the said creditors according to law.

The said deed of assignment was executed by the said Thomas Stanley Humphreys and John Whitstance Pittock and by the said Webster Foreman Traves on the said 12th day of December, 1899.

And further take notice that a meeting of the said creditors will be held at the office of Galliher & Wilson, solicitors, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Friday the 22nd day of December, 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

All creditors are required on or before the 30th day of December, 1899, to file their claims with the trustee, duly proved as provided by the said act stating the amount and nature thereof, the nature of any security held by them and the character of liability thereof, and the valuation placed thereon.

In default of the said trustee receiving satisfactory proof thereof any creditor is liable to have his claim barred. WEBSTER FOREMAN TRAVES, Trustee.

GALLIHER & WILSON, Solicitors.
Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 13th day of December, A.D., 1899.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we the undersigned formerly carrying on business as Saloon Keepers in the City of Nelson in the Province of British Columbia, under the firm name and style of Johnson & Smith, have this day by mutual consent dissolved the said partnership. The said business will be continued by the undersigned, Robert E. Smith, who will pay all outstanding liabilities of the said firm and to whom all accounts due the said firm are payable to.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 23rd day of December, 1899.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

Judging from the looks of the people on the streets yesterday, nobody in Nelson went hungry on Christmas Day, and nobody ever saw such a Christmas Day in Nelson.

The electors who are managing candidate Houston's campaign will open committee rooms in the new Turner-Beeton building, on Josephine Street, today.

The city officials have received a communication from Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, chief commissioner of lands and works, in regard to the city's application for the foreshore lands on the lake front. The nature of the minister's reply has not been divulged as yet, but the letter will be read at the council meeting tomorrow.

There are at present fourteen patients undergoing treatment at the general hospital. Sidney Watson, the young man who was badly hurt at the Granite mine, is much better, and in a fair way to recover.

A large number of marksmen attended the turkey shoot on the flats Christmas day, and the competition for birds was keen.

For the information of politicians, it can be stated on authority that the printing of illustrations of churches in THE TRIBUNE has no political significance.

George Steele and Dave Porter were so successful with their Christmas turkey shoot that they intend to give another on New Year's Day, provided they can get a supply of turkeys. On Christmas Mr. Hanley got four turkeys and Mr. McKenzie three. Some twenty-odd others got one and two apiece.

Joe Howson has opened a cigar and candy store in the premises formerly occupied by Humphrey & Pittock. The place has been refitted, and it now looks as clean as a new pin.

A. R. Sherwood of Homer Street came very near having a Christmas blaze as well as a Christmas dinner. A coal-burning stove upset in the sitting-room of his residence, the coals spilling on the floor. Mrs. Sherwood did not lose her presence of mind, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before much damage was done.

The city council meets tomorrow. Among the matters on the calendar is the important question of the corporation's action in the case of Traves vs. Nelson.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

AT THE PHAIR.—L. A. Campbell, Rossland; E. Mallandaine, F. G. Little, Creston; A. Gayett, Kimberley; J. F. Walker, Phoenix.

AT THE HUME.—D. A. McKenzie, Ymir; T. Rader, Moyie; Miss M. Meity, Weston, W. Va.; R. H. Kavatosky, Greenwood; W. H. Langridge, Montreal; G. H. Lawson, Toronto; J. C. Mowat and wife, Greenwood.

AT THE ROYAL.—T. D. Crowe, Kaslo; W. G. Boyd, J. Sexton, P. Glynn.

AT THE SILVER KING.—C. L. Johnson, Athabasca mine; John Haller, A. Sweeney.

AT THE MADDEN.—R. Clute, Kaslo; D. Hughey, C. Kirtz.

AT THE TREMONT.—R. F. Turner, Kaslo; J. W. Snell, M. George, J. Hawkins.

AT THE QUEEN'S.—T. Thompson, New Denver; J. Crawford, Ymir; F. McLeod, Ymir.

BUSINESS MENTION.

Lost.—A tobacco bag containing five $10 bills. Supposed to have been lost on Baker street on Christmas. The finder will be rewarded by returning same to the Tribune office.

If Mr. A. N. Irvine will write Mr. James Wilks, P. O. Box 106, Nelson, or call at the office of the Nelson Miners' Union, he will hear of something of personal interest and advantage to himself.

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NELSON DIVISION, WEST KOOTENAY.

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At the court house at Nelson on Wednesday, the 10th January, 1900 at 11 a. m.

At the court house at Rossland on Thursday, the 11th January, 1900 at 11 a. m.

W. J. GOEPEL,
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