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MINING COMMISSION COMPLETES

Its Sessions in Nelson.

The mining commission concluded its duties in the Nelson district yesterday afternoon. The closing session opened soon after 11 o'clock and lasted until 1.30. J. J. Campbell, representing the mine owners, was in attendance, and Walter A. Smith, a union man, was also present. The commissioner spent Saturday in Kaslo, and announced that the duties of his enquiry rendered it necessary for him to be in Rossland tomorrow. He had devoted sufficient time to the Nelson district and given ample notice of his sittings to elicit such evidence as the various interests deemed desirable, and could not remain longer in the city.

Mr. Smith remarked that he could produce today the testimony of a mine foreman who had thoroughly tested the two systems and had found any advantage to be with the eight-hour plan. The commissioner agreed to hear the witness in question at his hotel during the day if the foreman could be secured in time, otherwise the witness would have to go to Rossland or Ymir to testify.

The first evidence taken was that of Walter A. Smith. A newspaper was produced giving a list of resolutions of a stringent nature passed at a meeting of the Silverton union on June 10th last. Witness stated that of the 300 miners belonging to the Silverton union only about eleven attended the meeting referred to, and that the resolutions, as reproduced, did not voice the sentiments of the members generally. Further, he did not believe any union in the province would approve of the resolutions. The commissioner interjected the remark: "I may say that I am pleased to hear you say this."

Mr. Clute announced that up to the present time he had allowed considerable latitude in the cross-examination of witnesses, but that at the present stage of the proceedings he would only permit queries which in his opinion seemed relevant, and that all questions must be put to witnesses through him.

Mr. Campbell asked the commissioner to ascertain whether or not the unions in this district were subsidiary to the Western Federation of Miners. Mr. Clute replied that he had evidence of the highest authority that the unions were independent of each other, yet in affiliation with the Western Federation.

J. J. Campbell was recalled, and submitted a letter sent in his care by Mr. Fell of the Athabasca mine. This letter was the communication forwarded by the miners union to notify the Athabasca management that a settlement must be reached within 48 hours or the union would take further steps. The document was filed as an exhibit. Mr. Campbell proceeded to state that up to the time of the passing of the eight-hour law his management was not aware that such legislation was under consideration. He had inquired of the principal mine managers in the Kootenay and was informed by them that they also were not aware of it. He then filed a journal containing data regarding the passage of the eight-hour legislation. A statement was also filed by Mr. Campbell giving a list of the mines in the district with the estimated tonnage that they would ship under ordinary circumstances when no labor troubles intervened. He asserted that the figures were compiled by him from statements furnished mainly by managers, and from other sources considered reliable. This was followed by a series of figures showing certain operating expenses which could not be materially affected by fluctuations in the output of the mine. The Silver King was quoted as typical of the district. The expenditure for superintendents, office expenses, foremen, engineers, firemen and general expense items at the Silver King mine for the year ending September 30th, 1899, were over $20,000. The interest on the capital invested at 6 per cent was $72,000. These expenses would not have been increased had the output been one-fourth greater than it was, or to any appreciable extent, nor would the working underground of men ten hours per day have made any noticeable increase.

J. Roderick Robertson, general manager of the London & British Columbia Gold Fields Limited, was sworn and took the stand with a lengthy type-written document in his hand. This was read as evidence. He opened by remarking that his companies were all British, incorporated in London and licensed in British Columbia. When these companies were formed an assurance was given that the British Columbia mining laws were liberal and that no labor troubles existed. The cash disbursements in Nelson had been $750,000, and the outlay in London was probably as much more. The company employed 75 miners and 130 men in construction work. They could employ a large number of additional men under favorable circumstances. The supply of miners prior to the eight-hour legislation had not, in his opinion been sufficient to meet the increasing demand for skilled workers. The mine owners had no trouble with their employees before the new legislation, and he believed the additional development during the present year would have given employment to 1000 new men, besides which the rapid increasing development throughout the province would, in the absence of labor troubles, necessitate an annual increase in the demand for men, say 1000 each year to keep pace with the natural increase of mining enterprises. He proceeded to detail the method of floating companies, remarking that labor troubles always affected the market adversely by alarming investors. In his opinion, eight-hour legislation, applying as it did to mining alone, had seriously injured the country by deverting large sums of money which would otherwise have come into the province from outside investors. He felt that his own company had materially assisted in the development of this district by opening and maintaining roads and trails, putting large sums of money into circulation, thereby contributing to the introduction of railroads and steamship lines. In view of this, he thought his own company and others of a similiar nature were entitled to consideration. He could not urge upon the government to strongly the desirability of adopting means to allay the distrust which was so manifest on the part of investors. Mr. Robertson filed copies of the proceedings at the associated boards of trade meeting held at Rossland in August and also of the statement prepared by the mine owners of Nelson in March of this year.

The commissioner asked Mr. Robertson's opinion of the effect of a removal of the duty on lead. The reply was that the silver-lead mining industry would be stimulated. The expenses of operating were heavy, and the duty was sufficient in some instances to retard the development of certain camps.

Mr. Smith asked if witness had ever given the eight-hour system a fair test. Mr. Robertson responded that he had not in a practical sense, but that as a business man he was willing to pay 50 cents more per day for a ten-hour shift.

Mr. Smith.—Have you ever given the matter a formal test? Ans.—No; but our neighbors to the south are paying $3.50 to miners in Idaho, Montana and Washington for ten-hours' work, and I feel sure that if from experience they could get the same amount of work out of their men in eight hours, such a wage and system would prevail there. Here we have hundreds of miners; there they have thousands; their experience covers a longer period and their mines are larger, yet, so far as I know, no objection has ever been raised on the part of organized labor.

Mr. Robertson then gave his opinion to the effect that the eight-hour law injured the development of prospects, as in investigating such propositions it was essential that they be worked at the smallest possible cost. Continuing, he stated that he had yet to find a miner who would say that he could do as much work in eight hours as he could do in ten. A disposition had been evinced in some quarters to insinuate that the British Columbia miners prior to the new legislation were inclined to evade doing a full day's work, but his opinion was that the average miner in this province was straightforward and energetic in earning his day's wage. It was a fact, too, that the health of the men employed by his company was better under the old system than it had been under the new order, although he did not desire to draw an inference from this. He concluded by arguing that the eight-hour system would have the effect of driving men beyond their ordinary speed, and thereby prejudice their comfort and health.

This concluded the sitting, and commissioner Clute formally adjourned the inquiry.

ARTILLERY IS THE REQUISITE

Lord Charles Beresford Interviewed.

LONDON, December 18.—Rear admiral lord Charles Beresford is quoted in an interview today as saying: "The issue of the war will depend more upon artillery than anything else, especially at the siege of Pretoria and other places, where the biggest battles are expected. Therefore I urge that all the naval guns which can be spared from the reserves and the other ships be mounted for field service immediately. This move is necessary as there are no quick-firing twelve pounders of 1200 weight in the army. The government should immediately commission every ship in "A" division of the navy, as needful precaution against any nation seeking to take advantage of Great Britain's condition. No friendly nation could object. I am greatly pleased to see general Roberts and general Kitchener go to the aid of general Buller."

Will Commence Operating This Week.

The transformers for the Nelson tramway arrived yesterday morning, and a staff of men was immediately placed on the work of installing them. With the transformers in position the last impediment to actual operation is removed, and inquiry at the company's office today elicited the fact that the cars would be started on Wednesday or Thursday. Today the cars were run up to the barn for a thorough scrubbing.

GOSCHEN TALKS TO VOLUNTEERS

On the African Question.

LONDON, December 18.—George J. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, when distributing prizes to the volunteers and riflemen in London tonight, said: "I little thought when I accepted this invitation that I should address men to whom an appeal has been made to stand shoulder to shoulder with the regulars in South Africa. The possession of 250,000 volunteers will be regarded by the country I am sure, as a great element of security, and I am confident they are all prepared to do their duty. The colonies are also prepared to do their share, and Canada and Australia are to the fore welcoming the opportunity to go to the front." (Enthusiastic cheering.)

After praising the great services of the naval brigade in assisting the troops in the South African war, and testifying to the constant anxiety of naval men to be in the thick of the fighting, Mr. Goschen said: "It is impossible to grant their desires, although these soldiers and sailors would be glad to go to South Africa in thousands, because when 120,000 regulars have already left our shores, the responsibility for the efficiency of our navy will be immensely increased. I believe the preparedness of the navy has contributed essentially to assist Britons to remain calm and confident despite the black outlook. We have not only to look at South Africa, but at the situation and at possible emergencies all around, and without being an alarmist, I would insist that we must sacrifice much to imperative duty that every ship be fully and properly manned." Mr. Goschen concluded with an eloquent tribute to the unanimity of the country and the colonies in supporting the government in a grave crisis.

IRISH STUDENTS RAISE A ROW

With Boer Sympathizers.

DUBLIN, December 18.—The honorary degree of doctor of law was conferred on Joseph Chamberlain, British secretary of state for the colonies, at Trinity College today. There was a brilliant assemblage at the ceremony. The undergraduates gathered on the college grounds and sang patriotic songs. Then they sallied to College Green, cheering vociferously and carrying the Royal Standard and the Union Jack. The latter was captured by the police, much to the annoyance of the students, who made a demonstration at the Mansion House, where they tore the green corporation flag to shreds, and caused other damage. The police were forced to interfere and the students returned to the college in an ugly mood. The students made a desperate effort to recapture the Union Jack, but the police were too strong for them.

In the meantime a hostile crowd had assembled on College Green, and more stringent measures were taken to keep the students within the gates. Mr. Chamberlain and his wife, and lady Balfour, when driving to the college were cheered at some points, but there was a noticeable difference of opinion among the crowds in the streets. While the procession was passing from the provost's residence to examination hall the cheering was deafening. The students lined the passages and held aloft Union Jacks, under which the procession passed. Mr. Chamberlain appeared to thoroughly enjoy the demonstration. As the procession entered the hall, all present arose and cheered Mr. Chamberlain.

At the close of the ceremony, Mr. Chamberlain, in response to the cries of the students said they had met under very disappointing circumstances, if the arrangements had been recent, he added, he would not have chosen the present occasion to receive the honor from the university. Their minds, Mr. Chamberlain continued, were solemnized by the serious news from South Africa, but England has always been accustomed to hold her own in adversity. He would have them remember the Crimea and the period of the Indian mutiny, when England met with greater disasters than she had just experienced, but eventually the nation sprang to its feet and recovered its equanimity.

The C. P. R. Company's New Tug.

The contract for the engines of the new tugboat which the C. P. R. is to build at Nelson was closed yesterday. The Polson Engine Works Company of Toronto will furnish the machinery, which is to be delivered at the earliest possible date. The keel will be laid in the Nelson dockyard early in the spring, and the hull will be ready to receive the machinery on delivery. The new tug will be somewhat larger and considerably more powerful than the Ymir. Its estimated cost is $25,000, of which about one-half will be disbursed for labor in this city.

THE CROSSING WAS EFFECTED

But Could Not be Maintained.

LONDON, December, 19.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing from Frere Camp, Natal, December 15th, and describing the Tugela river affair says: "The Boers in great force occupied a strong entrenched position, commanding the river and reaching back about 800 yards from its further side. General Hares' brigade on the left first attempted a crossing under a murderous Nordenfeldt and rifle fire. The Royal Dublin Fusileers, the Royal Inniskillen Fusileers, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and the Connaught Rangers crossed with superb and unflinching gallantry, but the position on the other side was found utterly untenable.

"The British suffered heavily from a perfect hail of artillery and shrapnel, while their own artillery was very badly mauled. They were therefore obliged to recross the river. On the right general Hildyard's brigade displayed equal heroism and succeeded in entering the village of Colenso. The Sixth battery encountered a murderous fire and was compelled to retire, leaving guns and ammunition and wagons on the veldt. Hildyard's brigade was also obliged to fall back. Meanwhile general Barton's brigade also failed to take possession of Hlangwri hill. The entire force eventually retired on Chievely. General Clery was in command."

LONDON, December 19.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Naupoort, Cape Colony, dated December 16th, says: "The Boers brought a big gun to bear on the British near Narvaar Kop. The British pieces were too small to reach the enemy, and after an intermittent artillery duel general French withdrew, but without losses, to Arundel."

WILL DRAW TROOPS FROM INDIA

To Be Available in Thirty Days.

LONDON, December 19.—The war office has been in communication with general sir William Lockhart, commander-in-chief in India, with a view of ascertaining what troops can be spared from his forces, and it is understood that as a result of these inquiries a force will immediately leave Bombay for Durban, consisting of four regiments of artillery, including horse and field batteries. It is hoped that this force will reinforce general Buller within a month.

The duke of Connaught visited the war office yesterday. Since the appointment of lord Roberts as commander-in-chief in South Africa, the question of rank no longer bars the duke from going to the front, and as he has a strong desire to go it it believed that only the queen's reluctance stands in the way. It is not unlikely that this will be overcome.

Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, has been authorized to organize a force of 3000 yeomanry who will proceed to the Cape. The yeomanry troops sent out, will be drafted so as to work together with the mounted infantry and mounted militia from Canada and Australia. It is understood that the volunteers selected will not form a separate corps, but will join their linked battalions of the regular forces in South Africa.

LONDON, December 19.—The Daily Mail hears from a hitherto reliable correspondent that general Buller, after a stiff fight, crossed the Tugela river. The correspondent also states that general Methuen's communications are cut.

HOCKEY LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

C. E. Beasley, secretary-treasurer of the city hockey club, returned Sunday from Rossland where he attended a meeting held to discuss the question of forming a hockey league in the Kootenay. The result of the conference was that an association was organized under the title, British Columbia Amateur Hockey League. Mr. Beasley entered the two Nelson teams, and the remaining clubs are the Victorias and city teams of Rossland, Greenwood and Kaslo.

Officers were elected as follows: President, A. B. Mackenzie, Rossland; vice-presidents, C. E. Beasley and Harry Wright, Nelson; secretary-treasurer, E. Duthie, Rossland; executive, J. Chesterton, Greenwood; Lawe, Rossland; Duthie, Rossland; Beasley, Nelson, and Archibald, Nelson. Clubs entering the league will be assessed $10 each. Quebec rules, with alterations to meet the changed conditions of the climate, will be adopted. The regulations are being drafted by the Rossland members of the executive and will be submitted to the local vice-presidents for their approval. The question of a trophy was discussed, and an effort will be made to secure the Rossland trophy donated by the carnival committee some time ago. The difficulty encountered in this direction is that the cup in question must be played for in Rossland, but the carnival committee will be pressed to change the conditions in this respect. Failing that, a new trophy will be secured. A schedule of games will be arranged after the rules have been finally revised.

The local men are anxious to arrange a home game for Christmas or New Year's Day if the weather continues propitious.

The representatives of the clubs in attendance at the Rossland meeting referred in glowing terms to the prospects for the approaching season, and there is every indication that the winter of 1900 will be a record-breaker in hockey circles.

Local News.

In the report of the shipments made by our wholesale houses, which appeared in THE TRIBUNE on Saturday, the name of F. R. Stewart & Co. was omitted, although the towns to which the firm made shipments were given as having made by J. Y. Griffin & Co. F. R. Stewart & Co. made shipments that day to Greenwood, Grand Forks, Kaslo, Duncan City, Alamo, Silverton, New Denver, Whitewater, Fort Steele, Revelstoke, Rossland and Cascade.

The road that was built under the Nelson & Bedlington railway charter is reported complete and turned over to the operating department. The road extends south from Kuskonook to Bonner's Ferry, and, no doubt, will be operated by the Great Northern, as more than half the mileage is in the state of Idaho.

In the case of David Sloan vs. George T. Gormley, in which the plaintiff is suing for a one-eight interest in the Black Prince mineral claim, adjoining the Two Friends, judge Forin yesterday made an order for discovery upon motion of the plaintiff's solicitor.

The members of the Christian Endeavor Society of St. Paul's church held a very enjoyable social last evening at the rooms of Rev. Robert Frew.

Curling Club Selects Skips.

The attendance at the meeting of the Nelson Curling Club last evening was such as should warrant a healthy interest in the sport this winter. When A. H. Buchanan, president of the club, called the meeting to order the board of trade room was filled to the door. The most important business transacted at the meeting was the selection of skips for the season, the following being chosen: N. F. McLeod, John Rae, James Lawrence, J. A. Forin, Frank Tamblyn, J. H. Wallace, Geo. C. Hodge, F. W. Peters, H. R. Cameron, W. W. Beer, P. Lamont, A. Carrie, and W. Richardson. The selection of rinks will be made at a later date. The club has over sixty members at present, and some good sport may be expected during the winter.

Will Commence on the Freight Shed.

It is stated by C. P. R. officials that the first of the series of improvements projected in this city to be gone on with will be the new freight shed, which is urgently needed to meet the demand for increased facilities. The new buildings will be about 600 feet in length, or almost three times as large as the present premises. The local representatives believe that work will be commenced on this building within a month at the outside. Information regarding the new passenger depot is more difficult to obtain, outside of the fact that the building will be located at the corner of Baker and Slocan streets.

GAVE THE LAW A FAIR TEST

And is Satisfied With the Result.

T. G. Roy, superintendent of the Silver Hill and Richelieu mines near Crawford Bay, is in the city today on business. Mr. Roy was to have testified before mining commissioner Clute as to the results obtained in the properties under his direction since the eight-hour legislation came into operation, but was detained, and could not reach the city in time for the closing session. This was unfortunate, inasmuch as his evidence as a practical man would have been valuable. Mr. Roy was interviewed last night and gave his opinion on the matter freely. "We commenced tunnelling on the property in July and have obtained splendid results with two eight-hour shifts. I find that the men work more cheerfully under the new system, and that greater energy is displayed than was the case when the shifts were ten hours. My experience of the two systems is that fully as much work is accomplished in the eight-hour day as when the ten-hour system was in vogue. Of course we have had men who continued at the old ten-hour pace, but I have always weeded such men out, and my present staff gets through as much work in eight hours as I could reasonably demand of them in ten hours. As superintendent I am eminently satisfied with the outcome, and the management shares this sentiment, so it is only fair to state that the eight-hour day has been a practical success so far as the Silver Hill and Richelieu properties are concerned."

HITCHING ON TO THE SOLICITOR

In Cases of Uncertainty.

The city council dispatched an extensive budget of business last night. The members present were: mayor Neelands, aldermen Fletcher, McKillop, Hillyer, Beer and Kirkpatrick.

The city engineer presented a report dealing with the question of improvements to the city wharf. He recommended that the present wharf be raised at the shore end to the level of the C.P.R. track at Hall street, that at the Nelson planing mill wharf the level of the city wharf be raised to average high water mark, raising the present wharf three feet at this point. To widen the wharf by 14 feet will require an additional row of piles and make the new wharf 30 feet wide. The estimated cost of the wharf as outlined is $4000.

Alderman Beer suggested that the final decision in this matter, involving as it did a very large expenditure, might well be left to the council of 1900. It was agreed that the report be received and tenders asked for. All that will remain for the new council will be to instruct the successful tenderer to proceed with the work.

The public works committee reported recommending that foreman T. Symes of the health board be appointed assistant sanitary inspector, and that his salary be $90 a month from December 1st. That a scale of electric meter rates be fixed, and also that work decided upon at the last meeting of the committee be carried out. The report was adopted.

D. McBeath and fifteen other citizens petitioned the council for the continuation of the sidewalk on the east side of Ward street from the Madden block to Silica street. The petition will be considered later.

The city engineer reported that the sewer connection desired by J. L. Stocks would require a sewer 260 feet in length on Josephine street, from Latimer street southerly, at an estimated cost of $200. The board of works will take up the matter.

F. Lake asked that a sidewalk be built on Hall street between Silica and Carbonate. The aldermen agreed that this was necessary, and it was resolved to proceed with the work.

The attention of the council was called to the fact that the rink was being lighted by the West Kootenay Power Company, and the city solicitor was asked if the company had the right to do so. The solicitor replied that the tramway company had no right to follow this course, but mayor Neelands stated that the lessees of the rink had approached him and he had told them that the city could not afford the outlay when the building was only to be lighted for a few months in the year. The rink lessees then asked if they might use the Kootenay Power Company's light and he had raised no objection.

Various aldermen objected to the principle involved and maintained that the company should place their request in writing for the privilege in dispute. The mayor was instructed to interview the company and secure the necessary document.

Samples of metal numerals for house numbering were submitted, and it was moved by alderman Beer, seconded by alderman McKillop that 1000 numbers at 5 cents each be purchased and placed on sale by the city at cost.

D. Morris, engineer of the company which is constructing the gas works, addressed the council in regard to making an approach to the flats on which their works are situated, and also the necessity of putting in a permanent water supply. The matter was left in abeyance for the present, pending negotiations with the C. P. R., which is interested.

The report of the committee on school organization, which recommended application to the government for a grant of $10,000, and for block 49 for school purposes, was received and approved. The necessary papers will be drawn by the city solicitor.

An interesting communication was read from G. W. Hodson, secretary Fire Underwriters' Association. Mr. Hodson enclosed the resolution passed at a recent meeting of the association which set forth that in event of the collection of the municipal tax by the city of Nelson a net tax of 15 per cent of premiums would be levied on every policy in the city, and such special levies would be stamped "For municipal tax."

Alderman Hillyer expressed the opinion that the action of the underwriters' association was a bluff. He would be very sorry indeed to see any backdown on the part of the city and was prepared to move a resolution instructing the city clerk to collect the tax forthwith from every insurance agent in the city.

Alderman Beer recommended that the question be referred to the city solicitor in order that he might determine the city's position.

Alderman Fletcher supported this view, though placing himself on record as opposed to a backdown. The question was finally turned over to the solicitor, who will report at the next meeting of the council.

The question of arrears in lighting and water rates was discussed. Several aldermen urged that prompt action should be taken to shut off the supply of citizens whose arrears exceeded three months. The clerk stated that this was now being done with water consumers.

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We have not forgotten the men either. There has lately come to our furnishing department a new and complete range of men's Neckwear in Bows, Derby Flowing Ends and Puffs; Men's Silk Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, Plain and Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Top Shirts, etc. We have also added a line of Fancy Vests. These goods are a little out of our line, but they are so pretty we could not resist buying. Needless to say the prices are right.

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MEN'S OUTFITTER
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The Tribune.

THE evidence given before commissioner Clute all went to show that the eight-hour day for men working underground in mines had been almost universally adopted in Australia, New Zealand, and the other British colonies in which metalliferous mining is an industry. The evidence, also, went to show show that the eight-hour day gave good results in the amount of work done, and much of the evidence of practical managers went to prove that eight hours was long enough for men to work underground. As against this evidence was the evidence of men who knew nothing whatever of practical mining, but who claim to know a great deal about mine promoting. All their testimony was in effect that the eight-hour legislation had scared away capital. If their evidence is true, why is it that British capital is so scary of one British colony and so willing to invest in another British colony, in both of which the working day is the same length, namely eight hours? If the eight-hour day has been adopted in Australia and New Zealand, the chances are it has not worked to the disadvantage of men who have their money invested in mines; no more will it work to their disadvantage in British Columbia. Legislation may sometimes be premature; but if it is legislatian in the right direction, it should not be repealed merely because a few men cannot be made believe it is good legislation.

UP TO the fall of 1891, ordinary labor was paid for at the rate of $3 a day in Kootenay, and the first reduction was made by the men who built the Pilot Bay smelter, and who are largely interested in the Last Chance mine in the Slocan. Two years afterwards, in 1893, the rate was further cut by the owners of the Silver King mine, near Nelson, and the Le Roi mine, in Trail Creek district. At the same time, the same parties reduced the wages of miners from $3.50 to $3 a day. It will thus be seen that the strongest advocates of the cheap wage system in the Slocan and Nelson and Trail Creek districts at the present time are the parties who made the first cut in wages in Kootenay. The arguments they used then were: At Pilot Bay—"We will not pay more than the contractors on the Columbia & Kootenay railway are paying." At the Silver King mine—"Miners in Colorado are only getting $3 a day, and muckers $250, and we will not pay more." At the Le Roi mine—"I can get men to work for me at Spokane for $2.50 and $3 a day, and I won't pay more here." The men who made these declarations were Dr. Hendryx, who had charge of construction work at Pilot Bay, and who now lives in Southern California; Mr. Harvey of Colorado, consulting engineer of the Hall Mines, Limited, who has never resided in British Columbia; and colonel Peyton of Spokane, who managed the Le Roi mine and made a fortune out of it. These are the facts, and they go to show, that no matter what the wages are in a country, there can be found men willing to reduce them.

George McDonald the Victim.

H. P. Christie, mining recorder and constable at Slocan City, reports that the body found in the Slocan river on Thursday was that of George McDonald a member of the Silverton Miner's Union. McDonald had been out of his mind for some time and two weeks ago the constable sent a man down the Slocan river to bring McDonald in. The searcher went about twenty miles when he received word that McDonald had gone through to Nelson and returned. Whether McDonald fell into the river or committed suicide will never be known. The Silverton Miners' Union has taken charge of the funeral arrangements.

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CANADIAN SENTIMENT STRONGLY

In Favor of Upholding the Empire.

KINGSTON, Ontario, December 18.—Addressing the students of Queen's University yesterday, principal Grant declared that the Canadian parliament should be called together immediately, so that the voice of the people on the crisis in South Africa could be heard. These reverses in the Transvaal, he said, will make us more united than ever before.

OTTAWA, December 18.—The minister of militia is receiving applications from all over the Dominion and the United States with offers to go to South Africa. One officer in one of the western states offers to raise five hundred men.

TORONTO, December 18.—It is suggested here that a company of volunteers be mobilized at Halifax to relieve the British garrison there, who could then go to South Africa.

Doctors and Societies At Outs.

VICTORIA, December 18.—[Special to The Tribune.]—The doctors of Victoria, having formed a union a few weeks ago, met tonight and resolved to cease acting as lodge physicians for the fraternal societies. The societies are very strong here and have made a feature of medical attendance for members at the lodge expense. This action of the doctors has been mooted for some time, and the lodges propose to meet it by combining to engage two or three doctors from eastern Canada to take over all the work at fixed salaries.

THE BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
NELSON

Is now prepared to issue Drafts and Letters of Credit on Skaguay, U. S., Atlin, B. C., and Dawson City, Yukon District.

Bank Inspector Dead.

TORONTO, December 18.—Edmund Morris, inspector of the Ontario Bank, is dead. He leaves five sons, one of whom is serving with the Devonshire regiment under Thorneycroft's mounted infantry in South Africa.

Roberts Sails on Saturday.

LONDON, December 18.—General Roberts and his staff will sail for South Africa on the Dunotter Castle on Saturday.

Playing for a Dead Man's Trophies.

VIENNA, December 18.—The national masters' chess congress opened at the Vienna chess club last night, when twelve experts declared their readiness to play in a tournament for which the late baron Kolisch had provided the prizes in his will. Albin, Alapin, Mario, Schlechter, Schwarz, Wolf and Zinkl, of Vienna; Popial, of Dochnia; Kartlo, of Paraque; Brody and Marozy, of Buda Pest; and Prock are the men.

Are the Banks Short of Funds?

NEW YORK, December 18.—A call has been issued by the executive committee of the New York Clearing House Association for a meeting of the presidents of the various institutions, members of the association, for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the clearing house.

Ousted Without Fighting.

CARACAS, Venezuela, December 18.—President Castro's troops have occupied Maraicabo, ousting general Henandez's party without fighting. This has produced a good impression throughout the republic.

A Turkish Sensation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 18.—The flight of the sultan's son-in-law, Mahmud pasha, on Thursday with his wife's jewels and all the money he could collect has caused a great sensation here. It has now been ascertained that he sailed on a steamer for Marseilles, France, and the Turkish government has telegraphed to the French minister of foreign affairs asking for the arrest of Mahmud and his return to Constantinople, on the charge that he is implicated in a plot to assassinate the sultan. This accusation, however, is generally discredited, and it is believed the refugee is the victim of an intrigue.

Wants Railways Taxed as is Other Property.

LANSING, December 18.—The Michigan legislature met in special session at noon today in response to the call of governor Pingree. The governor's object is to secure the passage of a joint resolution providing for submission to the people, at the general election next November, of an amendment to the state constitution placing railways upon the same basis for taxation as all other property. At present the railways pay specific taxes upon gross earnings.

Australia Outdoing Canada.

MELBOURNE, December 18.—An Australian mounted contingent of a thousand men will sail for South Africa before January 10th. An additional New South Wales battery of artillery is to sail immediately.

Sugar Refinery Damaged.

HALIFAX, December 18.—The Woodside Sugar Refining Company's premises were damaged to the extent of $5000 on Saturday night.

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150 Suits of Clothing

At From 20 to 50 Per Cent Discount

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First-class in every respect. Choicest wines, liquors and cigars. Every comfort for transient and resident guests.
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JOSEPH CAMPBELL, Proprietor.

Dissolution of Copartnership.

The partnership between Dr. D. LaBau 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. DaBau, and he will pay all debts of the firm.
Dated Nelson, December 1st, 1899.

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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.

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THORPE & CO., LIMITED.—Corner Vernon and Cedar streets, Nelson, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in ærated 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.

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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 Bulls" 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. Agent 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.

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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.

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

LODGE MEETINGS.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Nelson Lodge, No. 25, Knights of Pythias, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting Knights cordially invited to attend.
T. LILLIE, C. C. R. G. JOY, K. of R. & S.

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

NELSON L. O. L. No. 1892, meets in I. O. O. F. Hall, corner Baker and Kootenay streets, 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. Visiting brethern cordially invited.
JOHN TOYE, W. M. F. J. BRADLEY, Rec. Sec.

NELSON ÆRIE, Number 22, Fraternal Order of Eagles, meets every second and fourth Wednesday in each month in Fraternity Hall. Visiting brethren welcome.
J. IRVING, President. J. R. WRAY, Secretary.

NELSON MINERS' UNION NO. 96, W. F. of M.—Meets in miners' union room, northeast corner Victoria and Kootenay streets, every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting members welcome.
JAMES WILKS, Sec'y. CHAS. A. McKAY, Pres.

THE regular meetings of the Carpenters' Union are held on Wednesday evening of each week, at 7 o'clock, in the old Oddfellow's hall on Kootenay street.
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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 Whistance Pittock, trading under the firm name of Humphreys & Pittock as merchants on Baker street, Nelson, British Columbia, have by deed bearing date the 9th day of December, 1899, assigned all their personal estate, credits and effects (both partnership and private) which may be held 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 among the said creditors according to law.

The said deed of assignment was executed by the said Thomas Stanley Humphreys and John Whistance Pittock and by the said Webster Foreman Traves on the said 9th 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.

20 per Cent Discount

In order to reduce our stock previous to stock taking we have concluded to offer a discount of 20 per cent for cash on all goods in the drug line, with the exception of Patent and Proprietary Medicines, until Saturday, the 23rd instant. These goods are not old and shop worn, but on the contrary they are all fresh new goods, purchased in the best markets and cannot be excelled.

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Knives and forks, in celluloid handles.
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Children's knives, forks and spoons, in sets.
Carving sets, game sets, butter knives, sugar spoons, in silver and with pearl handles.
Liquor Decanters, in different patterny and styles.
Dinner Gongs and Wine Coolers.

A large variety of the above named goods will be ready for inspection on the day noted above, and they will be displayed to be sold. All engraving free of charge.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

The miners' union of Nelson will meet every Saturday night hereafter, instead of every second Saturday as heretofore.

Percy Goepel, who has been with the Albion Iron Works, Victoria, for two years, is at home, where he will remain until after the holidays.

Miss Palmer, who has had much experience in kindergarten work, will open a school in the English Church schoolroom on January 2nd. She has already twenty pupils on her list, and the school promises to be a success from the start.

Of the 1000 receipts printed for use by the weighmaster of the city scales, all but 20-odd have been used. The first load was weighed about the middle of October, which shows that an average of 500 loads a month are weighed. A fairly good investment for the city.

The entertainment for the fund for the widows and orphans of the soldiers killed in South Africa promises to be a great success. It will be given at the opera house on the night of the 21st.

Through the instrumentality of constable Forrester and Dr. Keller of Ymir, an unfortunate man named Lincoln Rees was turned over to the city police on Saturday evening. The medical man's opinion was that Rees was suffering from scarlet fever, bronchitis and was also threatened with pneumonia. Chief Jarvis was forced to put the sick man in the city lockup until his case could be diagnosed. Local medical men pronounced it a case of measles and Rees was taken to a private hospital. The lockup has since been fumigated.

W. J. Anderson, travelling passenger agent C. P. R., left yesterday for Toronto, where he will spend some three weeks. Rumor has it that Mr. Anderson will be a principal in an interesting ceremony shortly after his arrival in the east.

Letters of administration were yesterday granted by judge Forin to Neil McLeod in the estate of Margaret McLeod, deceased.

Several Mining Deals Registered.

The result of the negotiations in several important mining deals have been filed at the mining recorder's office. The Juno Gold Mining Company's claims on Morning mountain have been bonded to M. S. Logan of Montreal, who represents eastern capitalists, at $20,000. The bond covers a period of 17 months, and the document bears the signatures of J. M. Ness, Horatio McDonald, Thomas Rendell and D. T. Mowat, representing the vendors.

The sale of three-eighths interest in the Original group, near Erie, is registered. The property passes from J. L. Parker to J. B. Dabney, of Spokane. Mr. Dabney was in the city yesterday.

The Big Duluth and Alice properties at Salmo have been sold to G. B. Chisholm, who acts for the British America Consolidated Company in the deal.

BUSINESS MENTION.

Furnished house for rent—Suitable for small family. Apply at Tribune office.

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Children's wool hose at 10 cents per pair.
Ladies' flannellette wrappers at $1.25.
Black Henrietta, worth 75 cents, sale price 50 cents.
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Pink flannelette 7 cents per yard.
Ladies' fancy blouses, velvet collars, regular price $1.50, sale price 80 cents.
Miner's shoes, regular price $3.00, sale price $1.50.
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D. Maglio, at Duncan City.

A meeting of the Board of License Commissioners of the Ainsworth License District, will be held, to consider such application, at the Court House, at the City of Kaslo, on Friday, the twenty-ninth day of December, 1899, at the hour of eight o'clock in the afternoon

WM. H. BULLOCK-WEBSTER,
Chief License Inspector.

Nelson, B. C., 18th December, 1899.

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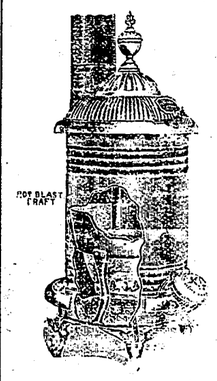

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