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## DISCUSSING THE ESTIMATES.

The Opposition Find Much Fault  
With the Appropriations for the  
Kaslo Riding.

Especially is Hon. Mr. Green criti-  
cized for recommending improve-  
ments at Trout Lake.

The proceedings of the B. C. legisla-  
tive assembly during the past fortnight  
have been quite interesting. The lat-  
est innovation was where the member  
for Fernie warmly advocated that some  
provision be made whereby the young  
people of the province would not be  
obliged to leave it in order to secure  
higher education. He reminded the  
house that when its population did not  
exceed 75,000, Manitoba established a  
university which had now assumed  
large proportions. He also pointed to  
other eastern provinces, like Nova Sco-  
tia and New Brunswick, which had  
three or four universities.

The premier was somewhat non-con-  
fident in regard to the matter, and ra-  
ther inclined to privately endowed seats  
of learning, while recognizing the ne-  
cessity of such an institution.

The opposition on the whole were dis-  
posed to regard the motion as prema-  
ture, alleging that our population had  
not assumed proportions where we  
could hope to maintain anything better  
than what McInnes designated as a  
"tin-pot" university. It was pointed  
out also by Dr. King that in some of the  
provinces alluded to by the author of  
the motion, the universities were scarce-  
ly worthy of the name, and young men  
left the provinces just as they do in Brit-  
ish Columbia, to attend Toronto or Mc-  
Gill.

A plea was put in by Messrs. Mc-  
Innes and Brown to make our high  
school curriculum more practical, while  
the claims of Victoria and Vancouver  
to be made the seats of all of such insti-  
tutions of learning were advanced by  
Messrs. Cameron and McGowan respec-  
tively.

The motion carried.

The bill validating the acts of mayor  
Bernard, of Victoria, who is disquali-  
fied, was put through its final stages  
and assented to by his honor.

Proceeding to consideration of report  
of committee on supply, the challenging  
of different items was renewed, as be-  
fore alluded to. A good deal of atten-  
tion was bestowed on the chief commis-  
sioner, who, it develops, has secured  
for his district not \$8,000, as set out in  
the estimates, but nearer double that  
amount. An appropriation of \$2,000  
for dyking the Lardeau river bank at  
Trout Lake was particularly criticized,  
it being alleged that it was for the pur-  
pose of protecting private property.

The leader of the opposition remind-  
ed the chief commissioner of the great  
need of bigger appropriations, for in-  
stance, in Ymir district, where \$2,000  
could be spent to much greater advan-  
tage on Sophik mountain road than in  
protecting private property at Trout

Lake. Money was also badly needed  
for a trail from the Velvet mine to  
Rossland, to hold a great trade which  
now went to Northport. He charged  
the chief commissioner with giving his  
constituency two or three times more  
than any other Kootenay constituency.

John Houston supported this view,  
and said Mr. Green showed no consid-  
eration for Kootenay, but only for his own  
riding. As for Ymir, he attributed the  
small appropriation to the government's  
estimate of the member from that dis-  
trict, who could make a speech only in  
moving an address in reply to the  
speech from the throne.

### The Days Of Yore.

In the good old bonanza days, about  
which we hear so much, there were few  
mines worked to a depth of over 500  
feet, the machinery equipment was of  
the crudest, and the smelting and re-  
duction methods primitive. In isolated  
cases money was made—in the majority  
of cases, failure was the record of the  
operator. In those times it required  
six months to obtain a settlement for  
miner's returns, and transportation  
charges were so high that only the  
very best grade and most favorable ore  
could be treated at a profit.

Today, with machinery to reach  
depths lower than 1,000 feet in so many  
places, with aerial wire tramways to  
deliver ore from mine to mill or ore bins  
at the railway, and with the modern  
plants for smelting maintained at all  
points, in conjunction with sampling  
works, and with settlements for ore fre-  
quently made fifty-six hours from the  
time it leaves the property, who shall  
say that they would desire a return to  
the conditions of forty- or twenty-  
years ago? Ores passed by as waste in  
those days are now being treated at a  
profit, and much of it returns a greater  
profit to the mine owner than did the  
high grade ores of former times. The  
bonanza days are a dream. While it is  
true that there were examples of money  
making, the cases were isolated—the  
majority of the fortune hunters were  
disappointed, and eked out miserable  
existence. The accommodations with  
which they had to be content were of  
the roughest, the food the worst, and  
enjoyments practically none whatever;  
against which may be compared the  
modern conveniences of today. The  
earning power of men today, as com-  
pared to the "good old bonanza days,"  
it measured in the amount of money  
saved out of wages today, as compared  
with the "good old days," will show  
that men are not only better off in all  
respects, but a return to them would be  
to face a panic.—Ores and Metals.

### The Tonawanda.

Johnnie Morgan, manager of develop-  
ment on the above property, has been  
taking a holiday with his crew for a  
fortnight, but will resume operations  
the first of next week with renewed  
vigor.

When the boys quit work, the face of  
No. 1 tunnel was in 275 feet, and the  
last few shifts dug through considerable  
ore spattered through the lead matter  
in the crosscut near the face. Mr.  
Morgan believes that 3 or 4 days' work  
will disclose the opposite wall, and he  
is naturally hopeful of results.

## WAR CANNOT BE AVERTED.

Japan Will Not Wait Longer, and  
Desires No Assistance from  
Friendly Nations.

Russia Also Believed To Be Ready,  
And Not Unwilling For  
A Contest.

A dispatch to the Central News  
Agency from Tokyo, dated Feb. 6, says  
that the newspapers there publish tele-  
grams saying that 200,000 Russian  
troops have been concentrated in the  
Yalu valley, with the probable inten-  
tion of seizing North Korea. It is ad-  
ded that hope of maintaining peace has  
been abandoned.

A Russian correspondent of the Asso-  
ciated Press at Port Arthur telegraphs  
as follows:

"There is no truth in the report that  
freight traffic has been stopped on the  
Manchurian railway. All the ships of  
the Russian Pacific squadron which  
have been held in reserve are now in  
full commission.

"The regiments of the Third East  
Siberian Rifle Brigade, which recently  
left Port Arthur, are taking temporary  
stations along the Chinese railroad.

"The Port Arthur garrison has been  
strengthened by the arrival theré of  
the Seventh Brigade of conscripts, who  
have recently been going through a  
short course of training.

"Stores of provisions and coal are  
being accumulated, and all the necessary  
military works are being actively  
pushed forward.

"Both the army and the navy are in  
excellent condition. Everything is  
ready for an emergency, but all are pa-  
tiently awaiting the outcome of the ne-  
gotiations.

"The Russian population is tranqui-  
lized. Very few Russians are leaving, but  
many Japanese merchants are selling  
out and going home.

"Those remaining here feel entire  
confidence in the authorities. The an-  
nouncement from Vladivostok that pre-  
parations have been made for the mo-  
bilization of the Manchurian reserves  
was premature."

In the opinion of a diplomat conversant  
with the Japanese phase of the  
far eastern situation, the Tokyo gov-  
ernment will not wait any longer than  
today, the 6th inst., for the Russian re-  
ply, unless in the meantime a satisfac-  
tory intimation is received as to its  
character.

Yuan Shi Kalk, the commander of  
the Chinese Imperial army and navy,  
and the vice-president of the War  
Board, have memorialized the emperor  
urgently insisting upon an offensive and  
defensive alliance with Japan, to regain  
Manchuria, according to the Shanghai  
correspondent of the London Globe.  
The memorialists maintain that the  
Japanese are better prepared for war  
than the Russians, and are most disint-  
egrated.

### Poplar Mining News.

This week the tunnel on the Lucky  
Jack passed the 300 foot mark, and on  
Wednesday was in 312 feet, giving a  
depth of about 170 feet. For the last  
thirty feet the tunnel has been in ore  
of good quality, carrying galena and  
free gold. In another hundred feet a  
depth of 200 feet will have been reached  
on the lead, and then stopping will be  
commenced and the mine become a  
regular shipper.

On the Buffalo group, No. 1 tunnel is  
fairly started, being in about twenty  
feet. It is expected the ledge will be  
encountered at between fifty and sixty  
feet, after which No. 2 tunnel will be  
commenced, and run about one hundred  
feet to tap the lead at a vertical depth  
of 100 feet.

The shaft on the placer claim south  
of Poplar is down 55 feet. In the last  
seven feet first a cement and then a  
hard-pan was encountered. It is be-  
lieved that bed-rock will be reached  
within the next ten feet.

E. Lewis returned from Trout Lake  
the past week, and has resumed work  
on the Gold Hill group of claims, situa-  
ted about half a mile west of Rapid  
creek and a few hundred feet from the  
railway track.

O. B. N. Wilkie, P.L.S., came down  
from Trout Lake Monday and is survey-  
ing a group of claims adjoining the  
Swede, and owned by J. Verschyle,  
Sve. Pattinson, W. Jennings, and John  
and Oscar Nelson.

C. O. Wyntje, of Kaslo, was in town  
this week making arrangements to  
commence work on his claims, situate  
above the Marcus and Gilbert proper-  
ties.

On the Swede group, four men are  
sinking on the lead from which very  
rich specimens were taken a few weeks  
ago.

C. W. Hestman, and Theo Dufresne  
are running a tunnel on the Royal  
group at Meadow creek.—The Nagget,  
Feb. 6th.

### He Struck The Free Milling.

A gentleman who has done probably  
more testing of rock and mineral than  
any other individual in the Lardeau  
country during the past four years with-  
out striking what would enrich himself  
to any extent, is Mr. A. H. Holdich,  
of Camborne, who occupies the position of  
assayer for the Great Northern Mines,  
Limited.

Mr. Holdich held a similar position  
with the Great Western Mines, Limit-  
ed, until about a year since, being also  
secretary-treasurer of the company. He  
did not, of course, do any prospecting,  
but he it was who first ascertained  
what values were contained in any ore  
found in the properties of the company,  
and he held stock in the company  
with which he was connected. This  
country is new yet, and Mr. Holdich  
has not made a fortune in that way, like  
many more of us, but there are more  
ways than one to acquire a fortune,  
while the chances are splendid in the  
ordinary way to get one from the  
Lardeau.

We are glad to receive the intelli-  
gence that Mr. Holdich has fallen heir  
to a rich estate in the old country, and  
we feel sure he has many friends in  
Ferguson and elsewhere who will be  
pleased to learn of his good luck.

When learning to run a machine  
drill, the operator should use a blunt  
drill and low pressure steam. First, he  
should practice on the short strokes,  
and as he gains confidence and learns  
how to regulate the machine, he can  
increase his steam and length of his  
stroke. In cold weather the stuffing  
box should be unscrewed to let the wa-  
ter out of the cylinder, and the drill  
should be stood on end or slightly in-  
clined on its side. This will permit the  
water to drain from the steam chest  
and back head.—Ex.

## GREAT FIRE AT BALTIMORE.

2,500 Buildings Burned, Covering  
An Area of 140 Acres, in the  
Heart of City.

The Loss Is Estimated at Fully  
\$100,000,000. No Lives  
Were Lost.

Baltimore, a city of nearly 700,000  
inhabitants, being the sixth in size in  
the United States, had a terrible ex-  
perience with fire on Monday last, par-  
alleling the historical Chicago fire of  
1871. The people of Baltimore, un-  
like the experience of her sister city,  
may feel gratified that there was no  
loss of life as far as is known, and very  
few casualties. The fire made a clean  
sweep, and every means known was  
brought into requisition to stop the  
spreading of the terrible conflagration.  
After raging for 24 hours, and sweeping  
an area of 140 acres clean of 2,500 build-  
ings in the heart of the great city, the  
flames were finally checked and the fire  
extinguished. There will be over a  
hundred thousand people homeless, and  
much destitution will result.

Every street that led to the fire area  
was crowded with spectators. Down  
the narrow streets the black smoke  
hung densely, split now and then by a  
red glare of flame. The crash of falling  
buildings was lost in the roar of ex-  
ploding dynamite, as it was used to de-  
molish structures as yet untouched by  
fire. The city was under the strictest  
of military control. All around the  
burned area was stretched a cordon of  
soldiers, who held up all comers at the  
point of the bayonet. Police brought  
from the neighboring cities patrolled  
the district, and at the limits of the fire  
zone paced armed sentries.

In the early hours of the morning the  
army of fire fighters scaped against over-  
whelming odds, and when daybreak  
came the flames were raging along the  
wharves and focussed about the great  
powerhouse of the United Railways  
company, which furnishes the power  
for all the street railways of the city.  
Then the flames ate their way with un-  
diminished force southward, following  
the lines of Jones falls, and were fi-  
nally checked near the water's edge at  
West Falls avenue, in the southeast  
section of the city.

### We Spoke Too Soon.

Some months since, the Eagle refer-  
red in an appreciative manner to the  
short time that it took the Nelson News  
and other south papers to reach Fer-  
guson, being about ten hours from Nel-  
son. We are sorry we mentioned the  
matter, for there has been a change,  
though perhaps not because of our  
comment. Instead of the "News" from  
Nelson taking ten hours, it now usually  
takes from two to three days to reach  
us. It is too bad that the despatch in  
delivery has not been continued, for  
mail is not so much appreciated when  
its coming has been tardy. The reason  
is because the papers and many letters  
are now sent around via Revelstoke  
instead of the direct route. This may be  
caused by the announcement early in  
the fall by the C. P. R. that the Larde-  
au route would not be maintained in win-  
ter, and publishers do not care to risk  
having their papers held up on the way.

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## SOUTH ROUTE STILL OPEN.

The water way on Trout Lake is still open, and the C. P. R. boat is experiencing no difficulty in making her regular trips. A very cold snap was experienced the early part of the week, this being in all probability the usual difficult part of the winter to pass successfully that is experienced each year, for not only was there extreme cold, six below zero, but there was the dreaded heavy snowfall. However, the passage was not obstructed, and it is almost safe to say it will not be now, if due care is exercised by the company in keeping the boat moving regularly. Should the boat discontinue her trips, the inconvenience that would be experienced would be annoying and expensive to people of Trout Lake and Ferguson particularly.

It would cut off the south mail service, the Dominion express service, the passenger service, and it would render the transporting of freight into these towns very awkward. A little care and perseverance by the C. P. R. for another four weeks would avoid all the distress which we fear.

## A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION.

The best of harmony marked the proceedings of the convention of Liberal-Conservatives at Victoria last week. The split in the party would seem to have been healed, and the members are now all working in unison. John Houston was not re-elected president, but did not sever his connection with the old party as many expected him to do, but he announced his allegiance to the party, and an intention of giving his best efforts to the cause of conservatism.

Colonel Prior had been somewhat on the outs with the McBride section, yet he attended the convention and accepted office, as well as announcing that he was in full accord with the party and its leaders.

Our opposition contemporaries throughout the province need not therefore lose any more sleep over the conservative party in B. C. entering upon a federal contest harboring dissensions, for it is stronger today and more determined than ever before.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Japan has been itching to get a slap at Russia for months, yes, for two or three years. She "pulled the button" on Tuesday, and war between the two nations is now a

reality. Whether or not the ambitious and plucky little country will be made sorry will have to be proven, and whatever the outcome, Japan has the sympathy of Great Britain and also the United States. Her contention was right and unselfish, while greed inborn with the Russian prompted the motive that led Russia to decline the suggestions of Japan. The war promises to be a long, bitter struggle, and the hope of Japan's success lies in the belief that an impractical system is in vogue in the Russian army and navy.

The Great Northern Mines' officials have been "up to their teeth" in work for the past ten days: making the turnover of the Ophir-Lade properties to their own corporation. The operation entails no small amount of clerical work, and this, combined with the usual routine, keeps especially the secretary-treasurer busy. The company's properties that are being worked this winter have continued to give very encouraging results, better by far in two particular instances than was expected. We are glad to be able to report to shareholders through our columns this favorable news, and we trust we may have no reverses to chronicle.

John Morley will move an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, on the fiscal question, in the British House of Commons. A lively debate is expected, and the outcome is most uncertain, on account of the strong feeling that prevails and the fact that there are no less than seven factions in the house. The liberals believe that their innings is at hand, and they are apt to make the best of the situation, believing the government's seeming want of unity will make it easily embarrassed.

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## Local and General.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laughton are visiting at Revelstoke.

Frank Holten is in Ferguson from the Swede mine at Poplar.

J. C. Murray, of Trout Lake, is assigned to the Batho & Co. estate.

The thermometer registered six below zero on Tuesday morning last.

Preparations are being made for a grand carnival at Trout Lake tomorrow night.

The dances given by the ladies' quadrille club continue to attract large numbers.

The usual crowd of young people drove to Trout Lake on Tuesday night to skate.

Rev. A. K. Sharp held his usual fortnightly service in the Eagle block Sunday night last.

Rossland will hold a midwinter carnival if the municipal scrap can be settled in time.

W. B. Pool has gone to Poplar to visit the workings of the Lucky Jack and Swede properties.

B. Crilly returned from visiting the Great Northern Mines, Ltd., properties at Poplar on Tuesday night.

The weather has been colder again during the week, and preparations are being made to get a supply of ice.

David Brown, who is spending a few weeks visiting his son at Trout Lake, was in Ferguson Sunday and Monday.

J. C. Nesbitt and George Munro have closed a deal for their group of claims on Rapid Creek with C. T. Porter, of Spokane.

The Monday's west mail was 24 hours late reaching Ferguson. This was caused by trains being delayed by a snow-slide near Albert Canyon.

Mrs. John Cameron, of Edmonton, Alta., accompanied by her daughter, Miss Jessie, arrived in Ferguson Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. Macdonald.

O. B. N. Wilkie, P. L. S., was in town during the past week. Mr. Wilkie has had a very busy winter surveying different mines and mining properties.

Galena, sulphide of lead, is but slowly attacked by cyanides, but all its sulphur combines with cyanogen to form sulphocyanogen, while the lead comes into the solution as a hydrate.

The meeting of the whist club on Tuesday night passed off very pleasantly. Prizes were awarded for the month of January, Mr. Wilson getting first, which was a handsome pipe.

The road between Ferguson and Trout Lake never was so good as this winter. Whenever there is a snowfall of any extent, S. Daney runs the leveler over it, and packs the surface down hard.

Tallings are that portion of the ore that remains after amalgamation. A profitable industry has of recent years been the purchasing of vast piles of tallings that have been accumulating at producing gold mines for years, and treating these by the cyanide process.

Free milling gold ores are such ores that carry their gold particles in a state wherein when liberated from the inclosing rock, the gold readily alloys with mercury or quicksilver. Refractory ores are those ores whose gold contents refuse to alloy with mercury in the mortar or on the plates. Ores containing sulphides, tellurides, arsenides, bismuth, etc., are refractory ores.

In deciding upon the character of a mill to treat the ores of a particular mine, by tests made on a few pounds of the pay rock, money is frequently thrown away. Not less than a carload of ore should be tested. It should be sent to men who make tests of that character a business, and who have no interest in the matter further than to obtain the highest percentage of extraction.—Ex.

All great mining camps have their ebb and flood tides. First comes a remarkable strike and an intense excitement follows; then comes a reaction, and they say the camp is played out. It was this way with Virginia City, Leadville, Aspen, Cripple Creek, Bingham, Park City, Tintic and, in fact, nearly every prominent mining district in the United States and Mexico. After a period of depression of greater or lesser duration, there is a revival, new mines are opened and the camps become substantial.—Pacific Coast Miner.

## Locals With a Paystreak.

Old papers for sale, 25 cents per hundred, at EAGLE office.

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