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Fifteen Chinese passengers were saved as far as any record can be obtained.

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For Miners Before Mineral Lands of British Columbia Are Thoroughly Explored.

Mr. Bell Suggests That Mining Rights Are Partially Given as Reward.

The conclusion of a letter which appeared in your issue of February 19th with reference to the building of a railway through the central valley of British Columbia, was a reference to the fact that quartz mining in that portion of the province were quite unprofitable...

The discussion of this subject is intimately connected with the best way of procuring capital as aid to railway construction.

The practice of giving a guarantee is probably that which gains most favor, and has taken precedence of all others except in North America.

It had not been the granting of the lands to railway companies, neither the Dominion nor the United States would be found in the position that they occupy to-day.

Let us examine the grounds upon which these inducements were based, and see if they will stand analysis for \$1 per acre.

The government sells a certain class of land for a price, say, of \$1 per acre. When the government makes a sale of land it does not undertake to provide rail transportation for the settler within any certain limit.

Which is the Best Offer? But it may be urged that the company will sell its land for so much a greater price than the government as to take it out of the settlers' reach.

But not; the company has to live by the settlement of the country, and the government price of the land will govern the price of the company, which gains most?

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There are besides the above many other points of equal importance that could be changed with advantage to the province. If this were done to some extent upon the basis of the acquisition of mineral rights for services performed, there could be done at an early period work which is never likely to be undertaken upon any other basis whatever.

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To go a step further, it has been often said that the granting of mineral rights was out of the question, and a thing which no public man in the province dare advise or have anything to do with.

It can be proved that the facts in favor of this theory are without foundation. Take an illustration of the kind most commonly met with in Northern British Columbia. Here is a mountain with a snow-capped top, in a good state of formation, with quartz showing below.

Except in very rare instances of extraordinary muscular development it will not and cannot be done. But in order to find out where the best mines may be situated it is necessary that it should be done.

What class of organization should be employed in order that this most necessary class of exploration should be reduced to practice?

The answer is obvious. A private company that would take the chance of finding mineral enough to make it worth while.

Would it pay every company that undertook this class of work? It would not, perhaps, one in one dozen. Who would derive benefits? The public amongst whom the work was done and the money spent—the province would gain always and the company sometimes.

Will any company undertake such a hazardous and difficult work from motives of philanthropy? No. What is the only adequate reward that can be got to stimulate and to satisfy at the same time? The granting of mineral rights.

The province of British Columbia is seamed and intersected with problems of this class in every direction, and if there were one country in the civilized world which should not only offer freedom but

for industrious men to discover mineral, that country is British Columbia.

There are prospectors in British Columbia known to the writer who have formed the opinion as above set forth from intimate association with nature. It impressed in the muscles of their backs, arms, legs and every part of the body, and no amount of political topology that the most ardent or eminent authority could supply will ever change the opinion of one of these men.

Yes, undoubtedly they are. There has been at all times in the province an element amongst them well educated and better informed than the average elector.

It is common enough to meet men in a mining district as miners who are as well educated as the members they return to the legislature. To go still further, it may be said that no one man is responsible for the mining laws of British Columbia, and therefore they may be criticised without offending anyone.

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Of Doctor's Residence to Board of Directors of Jubilee Hospital.

Address to Mrs. Hassell by Daughters of Pity—Pleasant Gathering.

The furnishings in connection with the newly-erected doctor's residence at the Jubilee hospital were yesterday turned over to the board of directors by the Women's Auxiliary. There was a large assembling, fully a hundred being in attendance. The guest of the occasion was Lady Joly, who was shown through the institution by a committee and the matron, Miss Grady. Lady Joly expressed great pleasure at the efficient manner in which the hospital is conducted and her admiration of the able work performed by the auxiliary. She asked to be enrolled as an active worker, and this was done.

The ladies subsequently adjourned to Dr. Hassell's residence, where Mrs. Georgina Potts, vice-president of the Daughters of Pity, presented the following address to their president:

To Our President, Mrs. Hassell: We, the Daughters of Pity, take advantage of the occasion of the entrance to your new home, to wish you a long and happy life in it, and also to express our appreciation of the kindly help and sympathy which you have ever shown to us and to our work.

Through your instrumentalities our society formed, and largely through your efforts has its work been carried on, and so we beg that you will accept this small gift as a token of the esteem and affection with which we regard you.

On behalf of the Daughters of Pity, yours sincerely, GEORGINA POTTS, Vice-President.

Mrs. Hassell replied in appropriate terms. The address was accompanied by a handsome set of silverware. The board of directors of the hospital having arrived in response to an invitation tendered them, Mrs. A. J. Smith presented the following:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Board of Directors: You are invited here to-day for the purpose of inspecting and taking over the furnishings in connection with this house. Our committee are very pleased to have been the means in assisting in paying part of the expense of building this house, also of furnishing it. We have furnished it comfortably, but not elaborately, as I think you will admit when you have inspected it.

It cannot be too largely through your agency a word or two in reference to Dr. and Mrs. Hassell. When we look around and see the vast improvement made in this institution, both internally and externally, in the last three years, we cannot help congratulating your honorable board in your choice of a medical officer. Dr. Hassell has been a gratifying and successful one in all our dealings with him, and we look upon him as the right man in the right place.

Mrs. Hassell, our secretary, I cannot find words to express our feelings towards her. She has endeavored herself to all of us by her unceasing efforts to please and assist us, and in the event of such by-law receiving the assent of the electors in the matter set forth in section 75 of the Municipal Clauses act, the city treasurer shall pay out of the proceeds of the debentures so issued all expenses connected with the issuance of the said loan, and the balance shall be paid out in a manner hereinbefore in this section provided.

This strengthens a request that the board of school trustees will probably launch. As has been pointed out at the board meetings the trustees are not actuated by sentiment in the High school question; they point out that the new building is absolutely necessary, the increase in the school population rendering the need for additional quarters urgent.

There is also some uncertainty as to whether the council has wholly rejected the proposition or whether the communication simply means that the council could not see its way clear to vote the amount from the ordinary revenue. No matter which construction is intended, in all probability the board will act in accordance with the authority outlined in the section just quoted. At any rate the next session of the board promises to be more than ordinarily interesting.

A BUILDER—ARE YOU LOSING WEIGHT? "The D. & L." Emulsion will always help and build you up. Restores proper digestion and brings back health. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

The assassin of the British consul, Mr. James Lyall, has been sentenced to 11 years' imprisonment. In March, 1900, at Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, Mr. James Lyall, the acting British consul, was fatally stabbed while leaving the consulate.

A VETERAN'S STORY.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. A. C. Catarrh Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents. Sold by Deans & Hancocks and Hall & Co.—28.

THE CONSTABULARY.

Complete List of Men From Victoria Who Will Serve With "B.P."

The last of the men recruited from Victoria got away last evening in the personal charge of Capt. Burstall and Capt. Vaux, and to-day these officers will proceed with similar work in the Terminal City. The men taken from here were a particularly able lot of fellows, as many of them had military training.

No less than 21 of "A" Co. and 12 of "B" Co. were recruited for the force, and this reduces the number left over at the Point to a considerable extent. The effect of the departure of these men upon those who remained, was most marked, and the entire company will in all probability be disbanded in the course of a few weeks.

There was a repetition of the enthusiastic scenes of Thursday night at the boat last evening when the men embarked. Cheers and counter cheers were given for those who went, and for those who remained, and Capt. Burstall came in for his share of applause as he went on board.

The members of "A" Co. who enlisted were as follows: Fred. Hicks, Vancouver; H. Gingell, Lee-Corp., Vancouver; D. E. Davis, Vancouver; H. Maycock, Vancouver; E. S. Woods, New Westminster; Percy Valentine, Vancouver; H. Walton, Lee-Corp., Vancouver; J. Bottress, Vancouver; Frank Glass, Vancouver; G. McArthur, New Westminster; Frank Atkinson, Victoria; E. J. Mansson, Vancouver; John Cope, Victoria; H. Bossi, Quebec; Donald McLeod, Vancouver; E. D. Outram, Vancouver; T. S. Nye, Vancouver; Sergt. W. H. Fenner, Vancouver; Charles A. White, Victoria; E. G. Salte, Victoria; A. Shrewsbury, Vancouver; Richard Fowler, Vancouver; Corp. B. Pratt, Vancouver; Pte. S. Neale, Vancouver; S. F. Owen, Vancouver; H. B. Conrad, Vancouver; G. Brunell, Vancouver; Sergt. J. C. Haynes, Kamloops; J. D. Stewart, Vancouver; John Gray, Vancouver; R. A. Fraser, Revelstoke.

The civilians who were accepted, some of whom were militiamen, were as under: Corp. H. F. Hilton, 5th R. C. A. Victoria; J. H. Rushton, Ladysmith; A. G. Turner, Victoria; Claude Poston, Victoria; John Hedford, Alberni; Duncan Blackstock, Victoria; James Blackstock, Victoria; W. Worth, Esquimaux; G. P. Ewen, Victoria; Thos. Johnson, Victoria; A. W. Corney, Victoria; R. Lowells, Victoria; police force: Wm. Roberts, Victoria; H. Corner, Victoria.

After fourteen hours' deliberation the jury returned a verdict in the case of Mrs. Gossage, the Mount Vernon woman, charged with murdering her husband, of manslaughter, with a recommendation for mercy. The defence, which had been based on the accusation that the novel "Thelma" was indirectly responsible for the act, was therefore not sustained.

Mary Sycrope, the ten-year-old daughter of a Wakefield widow, made a fatal resolve. While playing with another girl in the fixated she said to her companion, "I will let you see what I dare jump into the river." Followed by the girl Sycrope at once jumped into the river, which was very high at the time.

AN OFFICER'S WIFE. Common's on the Food Question. "I had a very curious experience with food and its relation to the body. Some time ago from unavoidable exposure to a high wind for some time, I was attacked seriously with neuralgia in the head, which ultimately became chronic and I suffered much, as added to the pain I had a strange roaring or surging sound in my head, which kept me awake at night, and was of the most unpleasant character."

"It was not in the ears, but seemed in the very centre of the head and was extremely distressing. Occasionally I had dizziness come over me with the strange roaring. Medicines seemed to produce no beneficial result. I finally concluded that the famous brain food known as Grape-Nuts would be the proper thing for me to use, and I started in, using it every day."

"At once I began to recover; the neuralgia pains left and steadily and surely the distressing roaring in my brain, which had so tortured me, began to disappear. If I grew fainter and fainter with long spells of rest between the return of the hateful noises, until, in a comparatively short time, they stopped completely and entirely."

"I am now permanently free from this distressing affliction. My head is entirely well and strong, with that bright feeling which we refer to as 'clear as a bell.' Apart from the wonderful value of the food, it is a most delicious article and I can assure you I have an ardent consuming affection for it."

"This is a plain, honest statement of my case and what Grape-Nuts food has done for me. I shall ever be grateful from my heart that it has been given to the world and I have been one of the fortunate people to use it. I neglected to say that I have gained remarkably in my general health and strength and in flesh since beginning the use of Grape-Nuts. I have not had an opportunity to weigh myself, but my appearance is sufficient. Please, kindly withhold my name from publication if you use this letter." The lady is located at the government fort at Omaka, Neb. Name given upon application to Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

One of Harper Bros' recent publications, "The Cardinal's Rose," written by Van Tassel Sutphen, will no doubt make a great hit in the literary world. Mr. Sutphen is not very well known, but evidence of his book will show him to be the best author of the day. The story is pure fiction, and the interest of the reader is excited at the first page and kept until the last. One has no idea of how the author will dispose of his heroes until the last chapter is reached. This undoubtedly adds to the fascination of the tale. Every chapter contains some exciting incident and each adventure becomes more and more thrilling until the story culminates in the good old way—with the hero and heroine marrying and living happily ever after.

To give a synopsis of the story would be detracting in a great measure from its interest, but it may be stated without any such effect that "The Cardinal's Rose" was a ruby of great value, and the story hinges upon the fact that several parties were making strenuous efforts to obtain this jewel. This of course results in a collision at almost every step, and makes the interest of the story.

HARD TO CONQUER OR DIE. "I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C. "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life-saver in Consumption, Pneumonia, La Grippe and Bronchitis; infallible for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay-Fever, Croup or Whooping Cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at F. W. Fawcett & Co.'s drug store.

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"I used several Dyspepsia Medicines, but nothing seemed to help me."

"My friends advised me to take a treatment under the doctor, but as I did not think that any good would result from it, I refused to have any such."

"A friend of mine had been cured by Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, and advised me strongly to try them. I did so, and was cured. I can now eat a hearty meal without fear of the disease coming on and feel splendid."

This is the written statement of Mr. Wm. Bangarth, of 20 York Street, Hamilton, Ont. It is very direct and to the point. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets cured me of a very severe case of Dyspepsia. They should cure anyone who suffers as Mr. Bangarth did. If you are suffering, be guided by the successful experience of all who have used Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. All druggists sell them.

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CANADA AND THE TRUSTS. Those patriotic Canadians, Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Shaughnessy, are frantically appealing to Canadians to beware of the United States and the trusts which flourish there.

business will stand without closing it up entirely. That this is the belief in Manitoba we have had evidence of by the radical departure of the government of that province has taken in order to secure relief from the incursions which it is claimed have greatly hindered its progress in the past.

OPENING AND OTHER DAYS. The Colonist in asking that a change be made in the programme of the proceedings on the opening day of the Legislature has expressed the sentiments of the reasonable part of the community.

TAXATION IN BRITAIN. The London Daily Mail is radical and revolutionary in its tendencies. It believes in leaving old things behind and reaching forward after new ideas in journalism, in statesmanship, and in everything else under the sun to which the mind of man is attracted.

YUKON TRANSPORTATION TRUST. To the Editor: The policy of the companies which control the carrying trade to the Yukon has been made public through the columns of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

EARLY CLOSING. By-law Affecting Boot and Shoe Establishments Will Be Discussed on Monday Evening. On Monday evening next the council will wrestle with another early closing by-law, which will affect the boot and shoe establishments.

FOR EXPLOSION SUFFERERS. Good Results Obtained From Last Night's Hypnotic Entertainment For Benefit Fund. There was realized at the hypnotic entertainment given in aid of the Chamberland mine sufferers' relief fund last night \$107.75 per cent. of which amount will be devoted directly to the benefit.

LONG CREDIT HAS BEEN THE BURN OF THOUSANDS. GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS Are Sold at Cash Prices. Everything of the best, and the best of everything.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL. Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Christian at Home"; evening subject, "Origin and His Times." ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. W. Leslie Clay, minister, Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL. Rev. R. B. Blyth, B. A., the pastor, will preach at both services on Sunday, 11 a. m. subject, "The Battle of Weakness Against Strength"; 7 p. m., "The Prophet Who Was a Coward."

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
 Daily Report. Furnished by the Victoria
 Meteorological Department.
 Victoria, Feb. 23—5 a. m.—An area of low
 pressure developed since yesterday morn-
 ing on the coast of Vancouver Island,
 causing unsettled weather and fresh to
 strong easterly winds on the Straits of
 Juan de Fuca. Rainfall has been general
 from this district southward to California,
 a heavy fall of over one inch and a half in
 the past 24 hours being reported from San
 Francisco. Snow is falling in the Upper
 Mainland and in eastern Oregon. The high
 area east of the Rocky Mountains continues
 central in the Territories, and fair cold
 weather prevails.

Forecasts.
 For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday.
 Victoria—moderate, light, of moderate
 easterly winds, unsettled, with rain or
 sleet, not much change in temperature.
 Lower Mainland—Light or moderate
 easterly winds, unsettled, with snow or
 rain, stationary or higher temperature.
Reports.
 Victoria—Barometer, 29.98; temperature,
 47; minimum, 34; wind, 12 miles E.; rain,
 .16; weather, cloudy.
 New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; tem-
 perature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 8 miles
 N. E.; rain, .26; weather, cloudy.
 Kamloops—Barometer, 30.18; tempera-
 ture, 34; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow,
 .01; weather, cloudy.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; tem-
 perature, 56; minimum, 52; wind, 2 miles
 S. E.; rain, 1.54; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Basketball at Drill Hall to-night.
 —Look elsewhere for new programme at Searchlight, 62 Fort street.
 —Scaissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. Shore's Hardware.
 —You will find it in the B. C. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.
 —Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per gallon, \$3.00; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel.
 —The regular meeting of the Natural History Society will be held on Monday evening next in the society's rooms at 8 o'clock. The lecturer will be Capt. Walbran, of D. G. S. Squadron, on "The Voyage of the Imperial Eagle."
 —The remains of the late Arthur Lowndes were laid at rest yesterday. The funeral took place from the family residence, South Park street. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. C. Rinfrew, R. Livingstone, J. Phillips, Fred. Vere, G. W. Knocks and A. Stewart.
 —Corporal H. E. Hilton, one of the Baden-Powell South African contingent leaving Victoria for Ottawa last night, was the recipient of a handsome case of pipes from No. 1 Company, Fifth Regiment. The presentation was made in the office of B. Gordon, Fort street, yesterday afternoon, and was a complete surprise to Mr. Hilton. The gift is suitably inscribed, and coming from No. 1 Company was doubly appreciated.
 —On Tuesday evening next a recital will be given at the Olivary Baptist church by Miss Maudie Underhill, soloist, assisted by Mrs. Gregson, Misses Cecile, Russel, Harms, E. and P. Williams and Messrs. R. Grant, E. Sears and P. and W. Smith. The entertainment will commence sharp at 8 o'clock. Great pains have been taken in the arranging for this entertainment, and all who can be requested to attend. A collection will be taken up.

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—To-night in Temperance hall the great event of the series of popular Saturday evening concerts will be given. Ladies' night has always been a great drawing card, and to-night it is expected that the affair will eclipse all former attempts. The very best lady talent the city affords has been secured, including such well known performers as Mesdames Watson, Clyde, Gregson and Lumy, and Misses Kilburn, Taylor, Rogers, Scovcroft, Brooker, Maynard, Tully, Wilson, N. Wilson and others. The chair will be occupied by Mrs. Jenkins, well known as a school trustee for several years. Mrs. R. J. Jay will be the speaker of the evening. Doors open at 7.30, concert at 8.15 sharp. Those desirous of securing seats should go early.

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—Basketball at Drill Hall to-night.
 —Steamer Chalmers left Vancouver at 1.15, after connecting with the Eastern Express.

—Entire change of programme at Searchlight to-night.
 —Privates Roberts, Court and Dixon of the first contingent are expected to reach here on Monday next.

—Gen. Snider, of Victoria, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the extensive addition to the Union Brewery, Nanaimo.

—A benefit will be given by the Daughters of St. George some time during the first week in March, for the sufferers of the Union explosion.

—The illuminated address which was presented to Private W. H. Stebbings is now on view in the windows of F. W. Fawcett & Co., Government street.

—The honorable treasurer of the Royal Jubilee hospital acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$10 from W. Atkins, Beech Cottage, Dallas Road.

—The contract for building the smaller of the two steamers for the fishery service has been awarded to the Victoria Machinery Depot, the Albion Iron Works declining to carry out their tender.

—The enterprise shown by Messrs. Waitt & Co. in their series of afternoon musicals has been much appreciated by our musical public. Mrs. Garrett Smith's rendition of pianoforte works and other composers, proved her to be an artist of the best class. The piano used on this occasion was an exquisite toned Steinway grand, selected by the Messrs. Steinway, New York, for Messrs. Waitt & Co. Mr. Herbert Kent's songs were much appreciated, being rendered in his usual artistic manner.

—The funeral of the late Louis Rull, laid to rest in the cemetery, took place this morning from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral and Burial Co. at 9.15, and from the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9.30. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Althoff both at the church and grave. The following acted as pallbearers: G. H. Coulter and G. Woods, representing the coachmen; W. P. Smith and P. Winter, representing Court Northern Light, A. O. E.; E. Murray and J. McGinnis, representing Looting Council, and S. W. Eastman and Harry Brown representing the hackmen of the city.

—A meeting of the city council was held yesterday afternoon, when an invitation to witness a test of the Imperial automatic voting machine, at the office of Munn & Co., corner Broad street and Trounce avenue, this afternoon, was accepted. The city engineer reported on the annoyance caused the residents of Cadboro Bay road, near the Jubilee hospital, by the impaired condition of the drain. The cost of laying a closed drain would be \$1,000, the distance to be covered being 2,000 feet. The matter was laid over pending the consideration of the estimates. The council then proceeded to tackle the consolidated by-laws.

TWO PRESENTATIONS.
 Trooper Llewellyn Receives Two Tokens—Fellow Constables Gave Him a Send-Off.

The popularity of Constable Llewellyn among the members of the Victoria police force was certainly well attested last night. The force assembled in the barracks room of the police station on Cornovant street and, as announced in these columns last night, the newly enlisted trooper with Baden-Powell's constabulary was presented with a gold ring by his fellow peace guardians while he was also the recipient of a handsome pipe, the present of the chief, in recognition of his faithful services. The chief made the presentations, in a few well chosen remarks, and the recipient responded appropriately. At the wharf, just before the departure of the steamer, a large number of the force assembled to see their comrade off, and if they did not make the welkin ring, their effective farewell and expressions of good wishes were nevertheless sincere.

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Government Caucus To-night Will Consider Mining Amendments and Other Matters.
Messrs Murphy and Dickie Will Move Address—Mr. Martin in Seattle.

When the legislature resumes on Monday afternoon, the first business to be taken up after the disposal of the routine motions will be the speech from the throne. The consideration of this document last year was completed in about thirty-five minutes, but indications are not wanting that the debate this year will extend over several days. Opposition members say that last session was an exceptional one—when it was considered of the first importance that non-contentious legislation should be pushed through, and all-party interest be subordinated to those of the country at large. In fact the constituents of some of the opposition members think that business was allowed to go through without sufficient deliberation. The House will therefore be treated to some debate on the various proposals of the government this year. There will be no caucus of the opposition members at present. In fact there are only three of them in town, Messrs. Brown, Oliver and Stables. Mr. Martin and Mr. McInnes are in Seattle, while Smith Curtis has not yet left Montreal. E. C. Smith and Aid. Gilmour have not reached the capital yet. There is not likely to be any radical change made in the programme until Smith Curtis returns. Opposition members scout the idea of a change of leadership, and Mr. Martin since his first annoyance after the result of the Vancouver elections has shown no disposition to relinquish the command. The government last year had 28 supporters in a House of 38. Since that time Ralph Smith, who gave the government independent support has resigned, and his successor, Mr. Max Thornwaite, it is understood will incline to the opposition, though he does not approve of Mr. Martin as leader. There are about six other members, who last year supported the administration, who might adopt a different course, if a leader was selected for the opposition whom they could endorse. The shrewd members of the House agree that the sitting is capable of a number of startling developments. The address will be moved by Dennis Murphy of West Yale, who enjoys a high reputation as a speaker, but who last year was rarely heard. C. H. Dickie, of Cowichan will second the address. There will be a government caucus to-night, when among other things which will be submitted to the cabinet supporters will be the results of the Ottawa legislative questions of policy arising out of that expedition. It is also expected that some action will be taken by them on the amendments made last year to the Mining act. By the amendments of last session a royalty of one per cent was imposed on the output of the metallic mines up to \$5,000, and of two per cent on the output of mines above that amount. Strong objection was taken to this at the time by Mr. Curtis, but the House endorsed it. Government supporters from the mining districts now claim that the practical test of the new law has shown it to be a burden on the industry of mining, and calculated to discourage development. So strongly do their constituents feel on the matter that if the government cannot see its way to modify the law, they will be obliged to support the opposition in the matter. Messrs. Nell and Munro, and possibly others of the independent wing, will not attend the caucus. The latter has always remained out of the private gatherings of both sides of the House, but Mr. Nell attended last year, under the arrangement for support which a large number of independents made at the convention at Vancouver. The following notices of motion have been given for Monday and Tuesday: By Hon. Mr. Eberts—"An Act to amend the Investment and Loan Societies Act." By Hon. Mr. Turner—"An Act respecting the Town of Wellington." By Hon. Mr. Turner—"An Act to amend the Assessment Act." By Mr. McLane—"An Act relating to Labor." By Mr. Helmecken—"An Act to amend the Law of Inheritance and Distribution." By Mr. Helmecken—Resolved, that the speech of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. on his accession, as well as his gracious message addressed

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Trekking With Dewet

A British Prisoner Tells the Story of Some of the Marches.

The General Ordered Men Who Lagged Behind to Be Whipped.

The following account of Dewet's march after the capture of Dewetodorp, and an unsuccessful attempt to enter Cape Colony, is written by an officer who was taken prisoner at the former place, and compelled to share Dewet's hurried trek for seventeen days.

The garrison surrendered on the evening of November 23rd, and almost immediately we saw General Dewet for the first time as he rode up the hill to see where I was leaving one of the trenches. Dewet is a short, thick-set man with a dark beard; he was riding a dark horse, and was wearing a "bowler," a great characteristic of his, and armed with a revolver.

We were then ordered to follow him, and he led us through the hills called Loosy Kop, for a distance of six miles, when we came upon a immense Boer laager near a farm, which were used to belong at one time to Dewet. We were then put into a cattle kraal, officers and men together, where we were able to lie down and rest, although the filthy place was inches thick in mud; however, the crowd was so great that comparatively few could lie down, the remainder having to stand or just sit on the ground.

In the morning we managed to get a cup of coffee and some bread from a farm near, and we little thought that would be our last chance of getting such luxuries.

A Boer Laager. About 9 a.m. we started off and marched about twelve miles to a place called Blesbosfontein, an ideal place for a laager, being a natural basin, not visible from any side for a greater distance than half a mile. We were very struck at this splendid place being selected, but afterwards we got used to it, each place we took up being found to be as good as the last, showing that a perfect knowledge of the country the Boers possessed. We were camped near some water, and Commandant Truter, of the Harrismith commando, who had several bottles come whizzing over our heads, and that from that spot we could see the animals out; imagine my disgust when in keeping some miles away from our drinking water one of our guards pointed his rifle at me, saying in good English, "If you do that again you will be a dead man."

On Monday, the 20th, we marched off at 4 p.m., and did not halt till 8 a.m., when near Vaal Bank, as we afterwards found. At Vaal Bank I saw President Steyn for the first time; he was being driven in a Cape cart, and after this we saw him daily.

On the 27th, about 8:30 a.m. (while, as we heard, Dewet and Steyn were breakfasting in a farm near a heavy fire was opened on the laager, and several bottles came whizzing over our heads. We had not yet started, and the order "inspan" was given, and the rapidity with which it was done was remarkable, as, indeed, was the way the Boers got their guns into action and fired all the rifles in the immediate vicinity of the laager.

Terrible Marches. Well, we wretched prisoners were marched off happily, but our days with a hope that we would that day be rescued, so we plodded on fairly cheerfully, and with the exception of a short halt—we marched till 2 a.m. the next day, nearly eighteen hours, and this began to tell terribly on the men, who were getting weak, especially thirty wounded men we had with us, some still having more than one bullet in them; these poor fellows kept up, no doubt buoyed up by the hope of being rescued by the British troops close on our heels.

But it became more and more apparent that the Boers could outpace the British column, and that they were able to travel faster and also to travel by night, owing to their perfect knowledge of the country. I will not detail the doings of each day, but we must certainly have trekked on an average twenty miles a day. I will pass on to Monday, December 3rd, when we started at 4 p.m. on a most terrible march, which lasted for twenty-seven hours, the longest halt being an hour, arriving at the Caledon river at 7 p.m. on the 4th. It is almost impossible to make any one appreciate the appalling times we had; it rained the whole of the twenty-seven hours, we were all drenched to the skin all day and all night, and had no food, and no sleep, and the Dewet himself ordered the men to wade the Caledon river, which had swollen tremendously; our commanding officer protested against this, but without avail, and our men had to strip and wade across, carrying their clothes on their heads, the water being up to some of the men's armpits—one poor fellow lost his clothes and had to continue his journey wrapped up in a blanket. Dewet then said the officers must strip, too, but afterwards he sent his horses, which we were able to swim across on.

Prisoners Sjoboked. Towards the end of this unique march the "corporal" in charge of our escort said the general had ordered the men who lagged behind to be sjoboked, and if it had not been for the officers marching behind the men it would have been done systematically; there were a few instances of it, and one man near me had a piece of flesh cut right out of his cheek. The Boers then tried to get us officers to ride on a wagon, but we saw through their cunning, as it was obvious that they were trying to get us away in order to hand us over to the British column, and we declined.

At this time the men were getting depressed, footsore, weary and half-starved, and with a feeling that after the extraordinary distances we had travelled, and the British column marching with us, we were being treated during this march as simply monsters; the Boers rode their horses into them, prodded them with the butts of their

rifles, and, if they got a chance away from an officer, used the sjambok freely.

On December 5th we found that we were close to the Orange River, and I believe about 15 miles west of Allard North, opposite Odendaalstroom. Then for the first time we heard for certain what Dewet's intention was from a field commandant that was to get into Cape Colony and begin burning farms, as they said we had done in the Free State, and, of course, try and get recruits from the Cape Dutch. At this time the force with Dewet under Fourie, Haasbroek, Truter, Philip Botha, Villiers, etc., with exception of Steyn, must have been about 3,000 men, a formidable force to break into the colony, but, fortunately, this great coup of Dewet's did not come off, for three reasons—first, the heavy rains had made the Orange River in flood; secondly, the drifts were strongly held by our troops, and, thirdly, some of the column under General Knox were close on our heels, and had not, as we thought, lost touch with us.

The Trek North. On the 6th we started back on our trek north again, which turned out to be a very rapid retreat, and taxed Dewet's resources to the utmost. We trekked night and day, the longest halt for some days being about three hours; Dewet tried to cross the Caledon river at a dam called General Knox, but failing to force a passage, we made a long round and eventually crossed the Caledon again on our way north, at a drift, which I believe is known as Amsterdam. The column was now being driven north by a westerly gale, the water being right over the top of the guns and the axmen, and appearing from view also. The ox-wagons were a great difficulty, but they were only two of them, and they ultimately managed to get them across by putting all 32 oxen (two teams) into one wagon at a time.

Before crossing the Caledon river we were quite close to Rouxville, which, in his wake, the Boers intended to attack, the place only being held by a small garrison of Highland Light Infantry, but they had to leave, as General Knox, with extraordinary pertinacity and skill, was still close on their track. The terrific rains we had had for several days impeded Dewet and also the British column following in his wake. The going was very heavy and we lost hundreds of horses, some being left dead on the veldt, others being left behind requiring a rest, and I trust many of these were picked up by the British.

How the Boers Keep Ahead. It will probably be a puzzle to you by this time to know why the Boers were able to keep ahead at all times of the British columns, and I will give you what I consider to be the principal explanation. In the first instance the Boers, as a rule, only half load their wagons, and a great part of their transport consists of Cape carts, of which they had hundreds. Again, the burghers were on their own driving; they have two drivers to each wagon, and they do not do the driving and only used at the half to look after the mules, and inspan and outspan when there is no immediate hurry; but in the case of a surprise or sudden start the Boers do not let themselves. There is no doubt the Boers are real masters of the art of driving a wagon, and getting both mules and oxen along. It is true that during the trek they had only two ox-wagons, but the way their oxen were made to keep up with the mule transport was extraordinary; these poor animals were fogged along, and when one became exhausted he was taken out and left on the veldt, another being there to take his place. They drove a herd of about a dozen oxen in reserve to put into the ox-wagons.

Farms Raided. It was a most distressing sight when the Boers arrived at a farm; they turned their horses into standing corn, stripped the farms absolutely naked, and manhandled every male over 14 to come and join their forces. On the wagon I was riding there was a few spare rifles, and at least a dozen boys about 15 and 16 were brought up and armed; this was perfectly obvious that they had never seen a rifle before, but they were excited by the stores laid out, and were fire in their eyes, they took the rifle and ammunition, and mounting a horse, rode off quite happy. It was a melancholy sight.

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