

NOT YET FINISHED

The Members Are Still Discussing the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech.

Hon. Mr. Martin's Reply to Mr. Macpherson—Mr. Kelle's After Mr. Corbin.

Mr. Graham is Asking the Government a Series of Important Questions.

Victoria, February 11.—The Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock; prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

CONSIDERATION OF ADDRESS. Hon. Mr. Pooley, who had moved the adjournment of the debate, made way for Mr. McGregor, of Nanaimo, without further addressing the house.

Mr. McGregor had been opposed to the mortgage tax, but after listening to the able explanation by Mr. Pooley, he was inclined to think that those lending the money might be made to pay this tax.

In connection with railway matters, he urged that a road inspector be not carried away by the halo of romance which has been thrown around the Kootenay district. Other sections of the province were equally worthy of consideration.

Mr. Muttter considered this not the proper time to introduce a redistribution bill. He believed that it was an excellent plan to have a Queen's speech which does not tie the hands of the government.

Hon. Mr. Martin replied to Mr. Macpherson. He characterized Mr. Macpherson's statement as uncalled for and untruthful. Mr. Bell-Ising had not purchased the land at Rivers Inlet.

Mr. Ribbet expressed his satisfaction with the speech. He was also pleased with the address of the mover. That gentleman had formerly been placing obstacles in the way of anything of a progressive character.

Mr. Ribbet stated that no member of the house would more readily than he be subject to the opening out of the different sections of the province. Until such time as the government declares what its railway policy is, neither himself nor any other holder of a charter.

Mr. Booth of Salt Spring Island, thought the danger now was that the government would be forced to do great expenditures in the necessary railway work.

to. He believed in existing railways, but he would insist in knowing how the obligations are to be met before voting for any of them.

Mr. Hume had heard Mr. McGregor say Kootenay was upon feet and he took exception to the statement. He quoted figures to show that Kootenay did not receive nearly so much as it paid the government.

Mr. Adams, of Cariboo, would support a railway to his district, but the government should not take a narrow view of the railway question, but should treat all sections alike.

Mr. Kidd believed that the heavy debt of the province forbade the government undertaking the construction of railways, but if it gave any assistance it should be in the form of a loan.

Mr. Kennedy will ask the chief commissioner of lands and works on Monday—'Why was the Log Scaling Act of 1894 rescinded during the recess?'

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COMMITTEES.

Standing committees were appointed as follows: Private Bills—Messrs. Hunter, Smith, Helmecken, Stoddart, Cotton, Kitchin, (substitute Seallin).

Mr. Helmecken, Monday—'That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieut-Governor, praying him to cause to be laid before the house copies of the bills submitted to the full committee in the following matters: The Small Debts Act, 1896; the Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1896, together with the judgments delivered therein respectively.'

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CAPTURE OF BIDA

Additional Details Concerning Advance of Goldie Against Emir of Nups.

The Deadly Maxim Guns—Brief Description of the Battle.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Bida, dated January 27, gives additional details concerning the advance of the Royal Niger Company's expedition against the Emir of Nups.

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Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, nervousness, etc.

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Only fifteen of the Hausa troops were wounded. The losses of the Fulah forces were enormous. The brother of the Emir of Nups and many princes were severely wounded by a shell which exploded among the members of the staff of the Emir, killing two men who were standing within a foot of him at the time.

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Authorizing the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow the sum of \$120,000, in anticipation of the receipt of its Revenue for the year 1897.

Whereas, by virtue of the 'Municipal Classes Act, 1896,' every Municipality may under the conditions contained therein borrow from any person such sum of money not exceeding an amount equal to the total amount of taxes upon land and real property, as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality for the year 1896, and bearing such rate of interest as may be requisite to meet the current legal expenditure of the Corporation which becomes payable out of the annual revenue before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the taxpayers.

And whereas the total amount of taxes upon land and improvements or real property as shown by the Revised Assessment Roll of the Municipality of the City of Victoria for the year 1896, was \$250,322.32.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows: Sec. 1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, by the Mayor and Finance Committee thereof, to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation from any person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations, who may be willing to advance the same, the sum of \$120,000 in such amounts and at such times as subject as hereinafter provided, the same may, in the opinion of the Mayor and Finance Committee of the Council, be required, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum.

Sec. 2. The money so borrowed shall be expended in defraying the current legal expenses of the said Corporation for the year 1897, and shall, together with the interest thereon, be repayable and repaid to the lender or lenders thereof on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, out of the Municipal revenue for the said year.

Sec. 3. The amount so borrowed, and interest thereon, shall be a liability of the said Corporation, payable out of the Municipal revenue for the current year, 1897, and the form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgment of such liability to the said lender or lenders shall be a promissory note or notes as the same may be required, signed by the Mayor and the Finance Committee and bearing the seal of the said Corporation, all of which notes shall be made payable on or before the 31st day of December, 1897, and a notice shall be written or printed on the back of every note to the effect that the liability of the said Corporation incurred by said promissory note or notes shall be a liability payable out of the Municipal revenue for the year 1897.

Sec. 4. In the construction of this by-law the expressions 'Land' and 'Improvements' and 'Real Property' shall have respectively the meanings given to them in the 'Municipal Classes Act, 1896.'

Sec. 5. This by-law may be cited as the 'Annual Loan By-Law, 1897.' Passed the Municipal Council the 20th day of January, 1897. Recommended, adopted and finally passed by the Council this 1st day of February, 1897. (L.S.) CHAS. REDFERN, Mayor. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, M.C.

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The Daily Times.

RECIPROCIITY.

It is somewhat strange that several of the Tory newspapers affect to regard reciprocity with the United States as desirable, and yet openly delight in the report that the mission of Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Davies to Washington has been entirely unsuccessful. If reciprocity would be a good thing for Canada, why should any Canadian rejoice over a prospective failure to secure it? On the other hand, if the Tory journals think reciprocity would not be good for Canada, why should they hypocritically pretend to regard it as desirable. There is nothing to be gained by false pretences in this matter. Manifestly the ultra protectionist cannot honestly believe in reciprocity in any degree, for reciprocity means opening up the "home market" which he so strenuously insists on being walled in. His creed is that all trade with outside people is injurious, unless, indeed, we can sell our goods outside and get paid for them in hard cash. International trade is never carried on by means of hard cash, so it follows that the ultra protectionist would cut off all international trade if he could. That is the logical end of his argument. Reciprocity cannot commend itself to those who think on trade matters as our friends the Tories do, and we cannot see what they hope to gain by affecting a regard for it.

Le Monde now threatens to break up Confederation if the Dominion authority is not used to re-establish separate schools in Manitoba. It is not at all likely that Le Monde will succeed in accomplishing either purpose.

From the debate on the address it appears that a majority of the members are opposed to the tax on mortgages, it is strange that the tax should be able to stand in the face of all this condemnation. The lever of "appropriations" is an exceedingly powerful one.

Hon. Mr. Martin apparently concluded yesterday that it would be better to treat Mr. Macpherson's statements seriously and offer an explanation. That explanation was certainly good as regards the Rivers Inlet matter, but the part which related to the island in the Fraser sounds a little odd. In order to allow it full force, one must suppose that a salmon canner was ready to erect buildings and establish a plant on an island that may at any time disappear. The gentlemen who go into the cannery business are not usually so rash.

This and That.

The telegraph pole nuisance is getting worse and worse in our city. What with the city's poles for light purposes, the Consolidated Street Railway and Light poles, the Telephone Company's poles and the poles for telegraph purposes, our fair city is becoming a forest of poles. These unsightly, unwieldy, light-interfering objects should be dealt with in some way. All these services are now supplied to the public and should not be foolishly interfered with, but it seems quite possible, by mutual arrangement, for all to agree to allow the use of each other's poles, so as to prevent needless repetition of the nuisance. The time must come when the wires will have to be placed underground, and until that time arrives the minimum of such things as the city council might take the facilities, making full allowance through its proper officials, and then possibly summon a conference of those interested. As a shrewd business man Ald. McCandless might take this up.

After a heavy rainfall every portion of the city should be visited by a competent official to see that the sewers and box drains are working all right. Passing down through Pointe Claire towards Justice Walker's residence I found that the water overflowed almost the whole of the street. Half a day's work would put the matter right.

One may presume that Captain Olive Phillips-Walley is a capable, intelligent and energetic man. Possibly for that

reason the author-soldier-hotel proprietor-landowner has chosen to add to his other duties that of sanitary inspector. "Unto him that hath shall be given." Still, it does seem a pity that a well-to-do, prosperous citizen should be chosen to enjoy the fit-fits of government patronage. Premier Turner might surely have found amongst his numerous supporters in Victoria one equally as intelligent and capable, and yet far more ready. A first-class, capable, intelligent man can be secured at \$75. I should like a soft snap myself.

I wonder what the local government mean to do with regard to the Kootenay railway project. I would advise the government to make a bold plunge and build it themselves. Pay fairly and liberally all those who have spent money in the survey of the proposed road, and equitably adjust all claims in connection with the charters. Less than six millions will probably build and equip the road, towards which the Dominion government would probably contribute \$1,000,000 as a free gift and guarantee the bonds besides, enabling the provincial government to borrow at par at 3 per cent. This would cut the Gordian knot easily.

A curious story has just reached me. It appears that many adherents of Christ Church cathedral dislike the name of Protestant. The superintendent of the Sunday school told the children a little while ago that Judas Iscariot was the first Protestant, because he protested against the use of the valuable ointment upon our Saviour! I confess, as a Protestant, that I did not know that I had such distinguished connections, being always of opinion that the name Protestant arose about Luther's time and the time of the sainted king, Henry VIII. Still, I am not displeased to find my lineage a little more ancient. Blue blood is at a premium. W.T.

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Communications.

ALDERMEN'S SALARIES.

To the Editor: A writer in last night's Times, commenting on the serious ways and falling numbers of the actors in the annual farce of voting to do away with the aldermen's (their own) salaries, asks "whether the three aldermen who voted last year actually received them or not?" Two of them appeared four times with checks. The other at these stated periods did not claim the full amount of three months' pay, because, well, because he generally drew his monthly. Will the editor of the whole Province please note? CHECK.

CHINESE BENEVOLENCE.

To the Editor:—A namesake of mine rather takes you to task for not putting the Chinese on the back for doing a simple act of justice. It redounds to your credit for level-headedness that you appraised the action at its true value. In the first place, no body of white men would be given a permit by the authorities to turn the public streets into pandemonium that would frighten horses, with the probability of killing people. With this special favor shown them could they do less than contribute money for life lost?

The Chinamen are well aware of the present state of public feeling in reference to the presence here of those who are every day settling our laws and customs at defiance and who are a law unto themselves, and none can discern more promptly that such an accident would intensify the feeling against them, hence their contributions. It is a matter of regret that one cannot give them credit for higher motives, but that is impossible when they will let their own flesh and blood die miserably and alone without a friendly hand to assist at their last moments. That we do not contribute to the sufferers by the bridge accident was not a want of sympathy but for want of a leader, and I agree with your correspondent it was an indelible disgrace not only to the head of the province but also to that of the city, that no subscription list was started. Had there been one Victoria's white people would have given their dollars by the thousand as they are now doing for sufferers in India. J. P. SHAW.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

To the Editor:—Mr. R. T. Williams, one of Victoria's most worthy and enterprising citizens, has recently had two letters in your paper on "the duty of the hour." They have not called forth that recognition they deserve, because although they deal with an important subject, it is not a popular one. Most men are engrossed in obtaining their rights and as much more as they can get, leaving to a numerically insignificant minority the performance of duties.

Mr. Williams, in his first letter, questioned "the wisdom of the resolution passed at the recent public meeting in favor of a railway to Kootenay, as he cannot see what direct advantage it will be to Victoria." It certainly has some advantage, for it will shorten the railway time and distance to the Boundary Creek district and enable wholesale business to be done by the jobbing firms of this city. If the mineral prospects near the boundary develop into mines and attract a considerable population...

Victoria, were that it is worth better depends on what it may give to pay, for it indirectly through increased provincial taxation, for it has not been supported by the promoters that Victoria will be asked for a cash contribution or an annual guarantee of interest.

Mr. Williams refers to the \$200,000 a year this city throws away on the Sidney railway, leaving it to be implied that people who were fools enough to throw the taxpayers' money away for one railway are quite capable of doing so for another railway. This does not necessarily follow; \$100,000 was wasted on a public market which, like the Sidney railway, has proved to be of no benefit. Allowing for a very small amount of intelligence, it is unlikely that the suggestion of a second market, say

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for Victoria West, which is without a market, would receive much support from the taxpayers. Of railway losses and public markets, "enough is as good as a feast."

Mr. Williams does not favor the Kootenay railway because Vancouver will derive more benefit from it than Victoria. This is doubtless a true but a sectional view to take of it. Should Mr. Williams look at this railway through Victoria's spectacles rather than through a powerful pair of provincial field glasses? What benefits British Columbia as a whole deserves encouragement, at least to the extent of voting aid at a public meeting called to consider it. Had the motion been that every person present should, before leaving the hall, contribute ten dollars each toward the preliminary expenses of the railway, it is certain the resolution would not have carried.

We all know many Victorians—not unintentionally embarrassed or encumbered with real estate are leaving this city and going to Kootenay. A railway to Boundary Creek will not draw population to Victoria. What will? I have no hesitation in asserting the development of the mineral deposits on Vancouver Island, which are similar to those of Boundary Creek district. They are more extensive and are cheaper and therefore more profitable to work because near at hand and have low water carriage, which requires no bonuses, guarantees or land grants. They are readily accessible and the only reason they have not obtained recognition and attention here is because they are not far enough away. Their great advantages and merits over Boundary Creek are recognized by experienced Rossland mining men, who have examined some of them, and it is certain that this spring and summer hundreds of miners will leave Kootenay and transfer their prospecting energies to the west coast of this island. Victorians, instead of turning their eyes to far off fields, which always look the greenest, and banking after railways hundreds of miles away in the interior, and Mainland ferries, should do their duty near at hand and concentrate their efforts upon the development of the mineral wealth of this island, which last year produced as much value in coal alone as the gold and silver mines of far-off Kootenay. In this and in no other way can Victoria be made to prosper. Yours respectfully, VICTORIAN.

WAR EAGLE SALE.

To the Editor: In reading your esteemed semi-weekly issue of the 5th inst., I observe the following paragraph on page 6 thereof:

"The following has been sent to the Times for publication: 'As some misunderstanding exists as to the connection of Mr. F. W. North with the recent War Eagle deal, we have authority for stating that the London promoters went to Mr. North to procure his assistance, and having had their statements as to the prospects of success, he lent them \$50,000 for the specific purpose of registration of the London company, and the \$700,000 not been paid within forty days would have transferred the property to the London and British Columbia Goldfields, Ltd., incorporated in London, England, and registered in British Columbia; with this company neither Mr. F. W. North nor Mr. E. Grant Gozwa have any connection, either as directors, financial agents or mining engineers. I believe, however, Mr. North has represented entirely different parties, and their names I believe appeared on a prospectus of a proposed syndicate to be called 'The Goldfields of British Columbia Exploration Company,' a name sufficiently resembling that of our other established company to have confused some of the public. Mr. North did, I believe, examine the War Eagle for some of his friends, but no offer was made on their behalf for the property at the recent stockholders' meeting held in Spokane. Having been present at that meeting, I can testify to this of my own personal knowledge. For the London & British Columbia Goldfields, Ltd., J. RODERICK ROBERTSON, General Manager for Canada and U.S."

MR. ELLIOTT'S ERRORS.

To the Editor:—To prevent the public from being misled by the statements of Mr. J. G. Elliott, I desire to make a few corrections. He stated that the average yearly loss to the insurance companies for the last six years has been \$32,000, or 40 per cent. of their income, whereas, according to the official report of the chief of the fire department, the total loss by fire has averaged \$28,884, which amount is only partially covered by insurance, and judging from the report would estimate the total amount of insurance paid at \$200,000, or 25 per cent. of their income. Mr. Elliott's statements throughout display a marked want of knowledge of the subject in question. For instance, he states that the awkward feature presents itself that the call department usually have so little experience in fighting fire, which we take to mean that under the system of which he is the advocate there would be more fires "at which to give experience to the boys." He also states that there are only two or three members of the department sleeping on the premises. He may intend to allude only to the call men, but even in that he is at variance with the facts. The following call men sleep in the hall: a deputy, Smith, Market, North and Demy; and with the three men who sleep within a stone's throw of the city hall, together with the nine permanent men, make seventeen in all, or one more than the chief is asking for in the full paid department. Exclusive of these already mentioned, there are twelve call men living in different parts of the city, many of whom reach the scene of fire as soon as the apparatus. Several of these have backs to call for them when an alarm sounds at night. There are and the one sleeping furthest from the fire hall is a permanent man who lives opposite the high school. As for attendance at fires, Engineer Bush stated at a recent investigation that it is a common occurrence for the engine to go to a fire without an engineer in attendance. It was also proved that Chief Deane missed more fires than any other mentioned of the department. I hope Mr. Elliott will not lay this charge to the call department. He appears to think that the defective water system. Mr. Elliott said the roll of the fire chief showed a record of 50 per cent. of absences at fires, while a roll in possession of the mayor indicated that only an average of two were absent during the past year. This would substantiate one of the charges at the recent investigation.

HOW WILL HE VOTE?

To the Editor: Several opinions have been expressed as to the way Mr. Helmecken will vote on that most important matter which is interesting the people, but now, the railway from Victoria to Kootenay, commonly called the "people's railway." I have heard it said that Mr. Helmecken intended to make a name for himself. I suppose a good name is great; if so, I would strongly recommend him to come out straight

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COWICHAN RESIDENTS

Hold a Meeting and Discuss Public Questions.

A public meeting of the electors of Cowichan-Alberni, summoned by the reverend Mr. T. A. Wood, was held in the Agricultural Hall, Duncan, on Tuesday night, to consider questions affecting their interests, with a view to advising and strengthening the hands of their representatives.

Whereas, it is to the best interests of the whole of the province that the trade springing from the immense mineral development at present taking place in the Kootenay and other parts should be retained for the benefit of our own citizens; and whereas, this trade is being rapidly diverted into the towns lying south of the boundary line, owing principally to the want of railway communication between the mining centres in the Kootenay and our sea coast cities; and whereas, the provincial government will be asked to assist, either by land grants or cash bonuses, a large number of railway schemes in various parts of the province, and thereby may be embarrassed as to which is the most important; Therefore this meeting, in order to strengthen their hands in this matter, do unanimously resolve that their representatives are hereby instructed to use all their influence in the house in favor of the building of a railway from the coast into the Kootenay as being of the first importance; and this meeting further considers that the government of British Columbia would be acting in the best interests of the province by themselves undertaking the construction and equipment and controlling the management of this railway.

Whereas, in view of the immense amount of capital at present being put into mining enterprises, and thereby to some extent withdrawn from the development of agriculture in this province; and whereas agriculturists in British Columbia are seriously handicapped in their own market by competition from countries which do not labor under the disadvantage of having so much capital to lay out to bring their lands under the plow; and whereas without a liberal expenditure of capital at low rate of interest it is impossible at present prices to make farming pay or to attract agricultural settlers to open up the country; and whereas many farmers are overweighed and dependent in their efforts to pay the heavy rate of interest on money borrowed to clear their lands; and at the same time making a living (evidenced by the number of farms for sale); Therefore this meeting of electors and farmers of Cowichan-Alberni district do hereby petition the provincial government, and instruct their representatives to assist, to devise some scheme to relieve their present depression by one of the methods advocated by the farmers' association held at New Westminister January 27, or by some other feasible scheme.

Whereas the government of British Columbia will be asked in the present session of the house to consider the advisability of either themselves building or to give aid to assist in building a railway from Nanaimo to Alberni, we, the farmers and electors of Cowichan district, hereby wish to lay before the provincial government our claims to have the above railway built to some point within this district, as giving better promise of remunerative returns than a railway starting from the town of Nanaimo.

1. Because there exists around Cowichan lake district sufficient good timber, in itself, give good returns in freight on a line tapping that country; the Cowichan river being, without a large expenditure, not in a fit state for the successful running of logs.

2. Because a railway tunneling into the Cowichan lake district would open up an extensive mineral district, which is being at the present time prospected, and some very promising mineral claims staked out.

3. Because by building this railway by way of the Nitinat river it would open up and make accessible to settlers a large area of highly suitable agricultural lands, and by further extension would also tap the China Creek mining district, and bring the west coast of Vancouver Island into a better communication with the whole of British Columbia.

4. Because this railway would supply Cowichan with an inlet to a very promising market for the agricultural products for which it is noted.

5. It is well known that coal underlies the whole Cowichan valley, and therefore this district is eminently suitable, with its coal and splendid harbor facilities, for the site of a smelter and as a shipping port; and we may further add that a large zone of very promising mineral exists in Cowichan and neighboring islands, which mineral is being vigorously prospected and tested at the present time.

6. The whole route which would be traversed by this railway has already been explored by competent engineers, and no difficulties in the way of cheap construction were encountered.

Therefore we hope that in the event of this railway being constructed, these our claims on your consideration will not be overlooked, but carry the weight which is their due, which, in our opinion, over-balance any claims which Nanaimo can present. We further consider that the advantages before mentioned would fully warrant the provincial government themselves undertaking the building of this railway with a certainty of favorable returns on the expenditure.

Our representatives in the provincial house are hereby requested to see that the government are fully cognate in this matter, and to petition the provincial board of trade to assist us, and at the same time, Victoria itself, in pushing our claims for the building of the railway from some point in Cowichan district.

Mr. James Evans suggested the appointment of a committee to draw up a full and explicit report of the advantages of this line. This was seconded by Mr. A. Rhythe, who named the chairman, the reverend Mr. James Evans, and these names were at once accepted by the meeting.

Mr. Livingston introduced a petition to the government, which had already received numerous signatures, for a trail from Cowichan lake to Alberni. At the close of the meeting the petition was signed by almost all present.

Mr. C. Bassett drew attention to the unsatisfactory state of the law on mortgages, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. A. McKinnon, and carried: "That this meeting draw the attention of our members to the present mortgage law, and suggest upon them the necessity of some alteration which shall protect the mortgagee from the present unjust statute, by which the property mortgaged is not sole collateral for the sum advanced; also that they should endeavor to secure the abolition of the mortgage law."

The reverend said, as the political part of the business seemed completed, he would ask the meeting to consider whether something might not be done to develop the wealth of coal which he believed lay under our feet. He read a letter from Mr. Robins, manager of the Vancouver Coal Company, in answer to an inquiry on the cost of boring, and pictured the advantages to the whole community which would arise from the establishment of a coal mine in our midst. He thought, a public subscription to meet the cost of tests might be the best way to advance the matter, and expressed his readiness, if the meeting endorsed the scheme, to head the list with \$10.

The chairman suggested a committee of inquiry, which was supported by Mr. W. Beaumont. Mr. James Evans proposed the reverend, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. A. Rhythe and himself. This was seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried. Mr. Evans was instructed to oppose the system of granting leases. This was seconded by Mr. C. Bassett and carried.

Moved by the reverend, seconded by Mr. A. Rhythe, and carried, "that the secretary forward copies of the resolutions to our members and the press."

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LONDON. I. C. B. HAMILTON, of the City of London, County of Middlesex, do solemnly declare that I reside at 131 Hyde Park Street in said city and that I had rheumatism for over seven years. I was so bad that at times I was unable to satisfactorily use my limbs. I was employed by I. D. Saunby, Black Friars Mill, as head miller, and it was while working for him that I was so severely afflicted. I am now a well man and was cured by "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure," which I recommend to all rheumatic sufferers. In connection with this I may add that my wife gratefully endorses my recommendation of Kootenay Cure, as she also has good cause to speak highly of it as a tonic and blood purifier.

OTTAWA. I. MARYN WATSON, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton, do solemnly declare that I live at 119 Cathcart Street, in the City of Ottawa. That I am thirty years of age and a linensmith by trade. I was severely afflicted with rheumatism, and so bad was my case that I was confined to my bed for two months. In June, 1896, I began taking "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure." I used two bottles and am now entirely cured and freed from rheumatism. I have since been exposed to wet weather which has had no bad effect on me. I consider Kootenay a great cure for rheumatism. I have also gained 27 pounds in weight. It is a grand tonic and a wonderful blood purifier. I attribute my cure solely to the use of Kootenay Cure.

HAMILTON. I. Mrs. ISSAC BULLMAN, residing at 65 Walnut Street South, in the City of Hamilton, County of Wentworth, do solemnly declare: That last fall my little boy, aged five and a half years, was attacked with rheumatism and also pains in his back and kidneys. He was unable to stand and could not get out of bed without assistance. His suffering was terrible, and although he had medical treatment he got no better. The pain was so severe at times he would almost faint. His appetite left him and he grew very weak. About this time we heard of "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure," and commenced giving it to him, with what results I am pleased to tell you. Since taking the

first bottle of medicine he has not had a pain, never complains, and is as healthy a boy as one could wish for. He has gained flesh and plays hard all day, and in my opinion is completely cured. Young as he is the boy himself appreciates the medicine, and I heartily recommend it to anyone suffering from rheumatism or kidney trouble.

TORONTO. I. GEORGE BARRON, of the City of Toronto, County of York, do solemnly declare that I am a fur dyer, and reside at 14 Myrner Street in the said City. That I was afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism in the knee for over a year and was hardly able to walk the short distance from my home to my work and then only with great pain. After taking two bottles of "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure" I am an all round healthy man, have a good appetite and sleep well. I frequently walk six to ten miles at a time and feel no fatigue whatever from this exertion. Am free from all pain and attribute my present wholesome and sound condition of body to "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure."

INGERSOLL. I. CHARLES BRITTON, of the Town of Ingersoll, County of Oxford, do solemnly declare that I am forty-five years of age, and I live in said town, and was formerly employed by the Ingersoll Pork Packing Company; that I suffered severely with rheumatism for six years. I tried several kinds of patent medicines and was under the care of a physician for some time without relief. I was so bad that I was unable to hold up my arms; in fact I could not raise my hand to my head. I have taken two bottles of "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure" and am now entirely free from rheumatism, and I attribute my recovery solely to the use of "Ryckman's Kootenay Cure," and I recommend the remedy to all sufferers from rheumatism.

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