





LAW IN ROSSLAND

An American Makes Public His Impression of How Law is Administered.

Hobos and Ruffians Summarily Dealt With by B. C. Peace Officers.

An American newspaper man, Mr. E. D. Cowan, of Tacoma, who has just returned from a trip through Kootenay, has been giving his impression of how law is administered at Rossland.

"Any American offensive to the morals or order of the community, or is known to have a bad record on this side of the line, is promptly ordered to pack his blankets and cross the line. A riotous exhibition of one or more persons in the streets is checked by a warning, and, if repeated, results in being run out of town without the ceremony of a drum martial. When men engage in drunken altercations to the disquietude of the neighborhood, Kirkup, or his solitary aide-de-camp is around to lead them in to the street with instructions to quickly fight it out. If they do fight in obedience to this official suggestion the victor is warned that a repetition of his offense means his expulsion from the town. First fighting is indulged in as a necessary evil and whiskey drinking is an inevitable indulgence. The license system is rigorous, covering everything from the right to run a saloon to the right to erect a stave-pile. No one thinks of violating the laws there.

"One man, Jack Kirkup, is ruler of the town of Rossland. He has only one assistant, with whom he successfully conducts the public business, including that of recorder of the district, and maintains the public peace. The town has no jail, inasmuch as it is the routine policy to render its use unnecessary. No person is permitted to carry firearms or deadly weapons of any kind, and any violation of this law means the immediate transportation of the offender to Kamloops prison. Gambling is not tolerated. Public women are not permitted to support that class of men never known to work, yet who in American politics are most effective in slum elections.

"Miners' strikes are impossible there, a fact which mining investors consider increases the value of property 25 per cent. above the property of equal intrinsic worth in the United States. The mass of miners is composed of the neglected element from the Cocor d'Alene and Locke Mountain camps, yet aside from their saloon brawlings, which have no worse consequences than black eyes and broken noses, they are as humble a set as one could wish to find anywhere. For the cause of this I will relate an incident:

"Last summer the walking delegates in the camp made preparations for a big strike, but upon being informed that they were in danger of a row they appointed a committee to wait upon the gold commissioner at Nelson. When they had rehearsed their grievances and asked if they could not strike, he replied:

"Certainly, you may quit if you want to, that is every man's right, but you must not use force."

"But," asked the spokesman, "cannot we be allowed to persuade others not to take our places?"

"No, you must not interfere in any way with the operation of the mines."

"What will be the result if we do?"

"Ten years at Kamloops," was the sententious reply. That settled the interview and also the question of strikes. No one has heard of a strike being mentioned since then.

"Speaking of Kirkup, the general factotum of Rossland, he is a powerful fellow, exceedingly conscientious and scrupulous in his habits. He is known as a man who will fight anything on two feet. Last summer two social-professional pugilists, thinking to make some money out of a fake fight, called at Kirkup's office to secure the necessary license. Kirkup asked:

"Are you sure that you fellows are fighters?"

"That's our business, you bet," bragged the precious pair.

"Well, I will grant you the license with one understanding. If you don't fight and one of you doesn't whip the other to a finish, I'll thrash you both. The fight never came off."

WON THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.

An Ovation Tendered the Victorious Canadians at Shoburgness.

Shoburgness, Aug. 6.—The Canadian artillery volunteers and two British artillery volunteer regiments entered in squads for the Repository competition here to-day. This competition consists of dismantling, taking along platform and through narrow passages, and re-mounting a 64-pounder, winners to take the challenge cup and the Repository competition badges. The British team accomplished the operations and then the Canadians dismantled their gun and began taking it through narrow passages in a novel method, when their commander, Bridford, ordered them to cease and retire, owing to the stress and implements being different from those used in Canada. Canadian artillerymen also retired from another competition with the English team for a 50 guinea cup, owing to being unfamiliar with the conditions of the competition.

The Canadians won third prize in the Garrison artillery target competition. The Queen's prize was won by the Canadian team. It consists of a silver cup, badge and £10 in money to be distributed amongst the men. This prize is awarded for the highest score in the stationary and moving target competitions. The Canadians scored 237 points. The Canadians received an ovation upon winning the Queen's Garrison prize. The result was announced in the officers' mess and was loudly cheered. Afterwards Colonel Cole and Captain Miles were placed in chairs and carried on the shoulders of the men around the camp, followed by the Canadian team and all the officers, preceded by the band of the Third Kent volunteers playing "See the conquering hero come."

the British volunteers all loudly cheering.

A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Big Gains as the Result of the Elections in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 6.—Further returns from the election in this state confirm the first reports of a complete Democratic victory with surprisingly large gains. The count in the big counties has been slow, especially in the city, but official and estimated returns, the latter based on reports received from a majority of the boxes in the counties reporting, show that Johnston and the Democrats have certainly carried 45 out of the 69 counties. Six counties have not been heard from or are too close to be figured on. It is believed that the complete returns will show a majority of not less than 45,000 for Johnston, and possibly 50,000. As to the legislature the Democrats have gained, it is figured, fourteen members of the house, giving them 78 out of 100. They have elected 14 out of 17 senators, which, with the 13 hold-over members, gives them 24 out of 33 members of that body, or about three-fourths of the entire legislature. The sentiment of the legislature is silver, which probably means Pugh's re-election to the senate.

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OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, July 23.—The Indian department which should be absolutely non-political, has been run of late by the Tory government.

Mr. Paterson decides to run in North Gray he may again meet with similar difficulties. There is, for instance the firm of Creighton Bros., who have been in the habit of selling goods to the Indians on credit, and then getting the department to pay their alleged exorbitant amounts from the band funds. Mr. Vankoughnet had succeeded in getting this credit system abolished as far as making the department in any way a party thereto. Now, however, the system is in full blast, and recently Mr. McKee, who sat for two years in the department with Mr. Reed's full knowledge without doing a stroke of work, was sent out to examine the accounts of this firm against the Indians. He is reported to have found that the firm had got the Indians to acknowledge a larger indebtedness than they actually owed. Such, at any rate is currently reported at headquarters. This was with the view of getting a good haul of cash from the funds of the band, with the sanction of the department, in payment of those accounts. Instead, however, of taking action against the firm, the department sent Mr. McKee the second time to Owen Sound in order to effect a settlement. It is scarcely necessary to say that the firm has heretofore given active support to the Tory party. It is also reported that a former official,

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S.S. SPREE OVERDUE.

A North German Lloyd Steamer a Day Late—No Cause for Alarm.

Southampton, Aug. 5.—The American line steamship New York, Capt. Passow, which left New York July 29th, for this port, arrived here at 3:30 this afternoon and reported having experienced very foggy weather. The New York did not see anything of the North German Lloyd steamer Spree, due here yesterday evening, and some anxiety is felt concerning her. The latter has on board about 215 saloon passengers, a number of steerage passengers, and a crew of about 200 men.

New York, Aug. 5.—Enquiries made at the office in this city of the North German Lloyd Steamship Co., show that no anxiety is felt here for the safety of the Spree. She is hardly due, it is stated, at Southampton yesterday evening, and it is claimed that the fact that the New York of the American line, which arrived there this afternoon, reported having experienced foggy weather, indicates that fog may be the cause of the delay in the arrival of the Spree at Southampton. Previous to sailing for Southampton and Bremen last week, the Spree was thoroughly examined and was found to be in perfect condition. Her agents here are momentarily expecting a dispatch announcing her arrival and they ask the Associated Press to state

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The second act of Mr. Reed was the placing on the market of the Indian lands at Manitowick to satisfy the wishes of Charles Logie, who has been for years an enthusiastic Conservative worker in the county of Ottawa, where Manitowick is located. So as to be able to place these lands on the market, the hand of Indians interested, and whose consent ought to have been obtained, was ignored, and large sums of money paid to certain Indians individually so as to keep them quiet. John Bell was one of these Indians. He got some \$800 or \$700.

Since Mr. Reed reached headquarters the Indian act has been changed so that members of a band can borrow money from the capital of the bands to make improvements. Everyone who knows the Indian character is aware that he will borrow all the money he can and spend it as soon as he can. On the Six Nations reserves the Indians have largely drawn on their funds in this way, and it can easily be seen how a lever of this kind could be used with good effect in the hands of a man like Mr. Reed and a Tory agent like S. D. Cameron, of Brantford, during the late election in South Brant, when Mr. Paterson was defeated. It is possible that the defeat of Mr. Paterson is entirely due to this. If Dr. Montague succeeded in dividing the Indians to vote for him in Hamilton because of the proclamation he had issued in the Queen's name, how much more effectively could the leverage referred to be used among

who was sent to examine the accounts, received a gold watch from the firm. If all these things, which are reported here, are correct, it will be seen how absolutely essential it is that Mr. Hayer Reed should be transferred where his usefulness would be appreciated. STABTOWN.

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for them that there is absolutely no cause for alarm. Southampton, Aug. 6.—The North German Lloyd steamship Spree arrival here safely at 8:15 this morning with all well on board, the delay being explained by the fact that a bearing of the machinery became over-heated, which necessitated slowing down.

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AUGUST.

Table with columns S, M, T, W, T, F, S and rows 1-31 representing the days of the month.

THE CANADIAN CURRENCY.

Rules Which Govern the Money Issue of the Dominion.

A uniform currency was first established in Canada by the act of 1871. Previous to that time currency legislation was chiefly the announcement of the values of the British, Spanish, Portuguese, French and United States coins existing in general circulation.

As there was a provision in the act of 1880 for an excessive issue guaranteed in that way, the act of 1895 made virtually no change in the law. It was evidently the intention of the government to increase the issue on the same proportionate security, but they refrained from doing so in deference to a vigorous protest from the banks.

Our Ottawa correspondent to-day mentions some facts connected with the department of Indian affairs which serve to show how completely rottenness permeated the late administration at Ottawa. It is hard to imagine anything more dastardly than the plundering of the Indian wards of the country for the benefit of political favorites.

According to a Nelson paper, an agent of the provincial government has been telling the people of Southern Kootenay that the government has been keeping down the expenditure on public works in that district because it returned an opposition member to the legislature.

Referring to the fact that Mr. Laurier and his colleagues were re-elected by acclamation, the Montreal Gazette remarks: "The courage of the government who in some cases had been selected to oppose them seems to have given way to a wise discretion."

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of our currency. Their bills are not legal tender but are universally accepted on account of general confidence of their financial stability. Our silver coins are merely tokens, legal tender for twenty-five cents.

Views of a Parent. To the Editor: In Tuesday evening's edition I noticed an item, where the secretary of the school board coolly informs the council that the board had decided to lease his (the secretary's) office at a rent of fifteen dollars per month.

Corporation Officials. To the Editor:—To prevent any misconceptions that might arise with reference to the statements of a "G. Campbell," permit me to state that I employed D. McDonald on my own responsibility, and as he worked for me before I knew that he was a good man.

Desperate Strikers. An Attempt Made to Blow Up a Cleveland Boarding House. Cleveland, O., Aug. 5.—At 1:30 yesterday morning two men stopped in front of Mrs. Lind's boarding house, a few squares from the Brown holding works, where a man named Gottner, employed at the works, boards. They yelled for the "son" to come out, and they began stoning the house.

Sake. Sake is the national beverage of Japan, and until recent years it was the only fermented liquor known to that empire. It is obtained by the distillation of the best kinds of rice. In appearance it resembles very pale sherry, though in taste it is somewhat acid.

Cocoa Butter, which has hitherto been on the free list in England, has been made subject to the same duty as cocoa or chocolate, as it is imported in quantities for the manufacture of chocolate.

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The Uses of Opium. In 1837 it occurred to Dr. Palmer at Glasgow to treat malarial fever with opium, instead of with quinine. He was remarkably successful, and the drug is now in common use as an antiperiodic.

Oxford's Ashmolean Museum, where are kept the archaeological collections and the university pictures, was struck by lightning recently and set on fire, but the damage was confined to the building and no harm was done to the collections.

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