

A BRITISH COLUMBIA AGITATION

Among All the Mining Camps to Compel

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

To Change Mining Laws—Fatalities in Saint John by Fire and a Landslide.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINING.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 23.—(Special).—Delegates have been appointed from every mining camp and every town in British Columbia to attend a convention at Victoria for the purpose of forcing the Provincial Government to change the laws to encourage capital from the United States, giving better title to deep placer and other mining grounds, removing the heavy taxes on development work and relieving all handicap on prospectors.

FATAL FIRE IN ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Jeremiah McCarthy, 81 years of age, was suffocated this morning by the destruction of his house by fire.

Four families lived in the building and the inmates had to be taken out by ladders, in their night clothes.

KILLED BY A LANDSLIDE.

John P. Hatheway, a prominent resident of Fairville, was suffocated by a cave-in of a gravel pit on his farm.

BURGULARS BIG HAUL.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—Burglars entered the cathedral of St. Isaac last night and stole three diamonds valued at \$80,000 which they took from the frame of a picture of the Saviour.

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Ladies' fine quality rubbers, toe cap, regular 60c. rubbers for 45c. a pair. They are selling fast. Men's overshoes sizes six and seven 75c a pair. Men's rubbers 55c. a pair, sizes 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11, regular 90c. rubbers at our sale.

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C.P.R. BUYS FLEET OF STEAMERS

From Elder Dempster & Co., For a Round Sum

STEAMERS WILL VISIT

Same Ports as at Present—Two Children Left Alone Burned to Death.

C. P. R. BUYS FOURTEEN STEAMERS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(Special).—Negotiations for the purchase by the C. P. Railway of fourteen Beaver Line steamers from the Elder-Dempster & Co have been satisfactorily concluded.

The price is about \$7,500,000.

HAS BEARING ON FAST LINE.

The deal has an important bearing on the proposed Canadian fast mail service, as it will probably eliminate Elder-Dempster & Co and leave the Canadian Pacific in a better position to secure the contract.

PORTS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy announces

that the ports will be the same as at present.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED.

PETERBORO, ONT., Feb. 23.—(Special).—Mrs. Jas. Drain went out leaving two children alone in the house.

Both were badly burned and will die as a result of the mother's thoughtlessness.

CANADIAN STOCKS.

Daily Quotation List Furnished by G. E. RYKERT & CO., MEMBERS OF THE MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE Montreal.

	Feb. 20	Feb. 23
C. P. R.	137½	137½
Iwin City	120½	120½
Montreal St.	27½	27½
Toronto Ry.	115½	115½
Halifax Street	104	104
Riochelleu & Ontario	128	128
Dominion Coal Common	54	55
Dom. I. and S. Com	97	97
" " Preferred	87½	87½
Bonds	111	112
Nova Scotia Steel	88½	88
Montreal Power	—	—
Consol. Superior	—	—
Ogilvie Preferred	—	—
" Bonds	—	—

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Will never be cured by the false, unnatural stimulation of liquor. First increase your vitality, build up the system, strengthen and purify the blood—then the heat will respond and grow strong.

Ferrozone is precisely what to take, it gives you an appetite and a digestion that will look after everything that is eaten. Ferrozone improves nutrition, makes rich, vitalizing blood, and is positively the most powerful restorative and strengthener known to science; it improves the nerve tone, regulates the heart's action, makes the feeble strong and the sick well. Ferrozone will do you untold good and costs only 50c. at druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS STIMULATE THE LIVER.

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I think we are timid on this side of the Atlantic about experimenting along these lines, not so much because we distrust the plan as because we distrust our City Governments. And we have reason to do so. The Government of American Cities is almost uniformly bad and in too many cases fairly reeks with rotteness. So far as I know Washington is the only City in America—that can be truthfully called well governed, and the government of the District of Columbia is in the hands of a small commission of public spirited men with almost autocratic powers. Canadian Cities, although as yet small, are to be

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

IN A PULPIT EDITORIAL

Rev. F. F. Eddy of Halifax Discusses the Question in the Light of Experiences Gathered in European, American and Canadian Cities—He Favors the Plan Notwithstanding Some Drawbacks.

The following pulpit editorial was read in the Church of the Redeemer, Halifax, Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. Frank Fay Eddy.

As soon as a great number of people get gathered together in a City conditions are created which make certain monopolies practically inevitable. These crowded City dwellers must have water, light and means of transportation. To supply any one of these indispensables requires so large an outlay of capital that the undertaking becomes a practical monopoly.

Whether or not it is better to have these inherent monopolies under the management of the municipality itself or under the management of private corporations, is a problem confronting a large number of Cities to-day.

On the whole there has been a rapid drift toward public ownership of such purveyors of the comforts and necessities of civilization. San Francisco stands a lonely exception among the Cities of this Continent in being dependent on a private company for her water supply. In Germany and Great Britain there has been no less significant tendency on the part of the larger Cities to acquire the street railway, the electric lighting and the gas plants; here in America, however, we are still prone to look upon any such extension of public ownership as a dangerous experiment. However, we ought to be in some degree assured by the almost universal success of these European experiments in municipal ownership. Indeed the spread of the practice has been due almost entirely to its results and not to socialist ideas.

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no means to be excepted. The ward politician who is not in politics for his health seems to infect them all. So we have reason to be chary about putting in the hands of our City politicians what seems to be an extension of patronage.

But after all are we wise in this? The spoils politician is always the most ardent opponent of public ownership. Nor is the reason far to see. It is the magnate who has filled his pockets by the exercise of these monopolistic privileges that makes politics profitable to the spoilsman. When the street railway franchisees were put up before the Chicago City council last year it is said on good authority that aldermen's votes were worth \$50,000.

Municipal ownership would remove one of the worst sources of political corruption. Besides we must remember that our City Governments are bad only because we permit them to be, and if the power of the City Council was enlarged it certainly ought to rouse the average citizen to take a more active interest in the formation of a body so important to the social welfare.

Municipal ownership is better for the citizens because the aim of the management of the street railway or the gas plant is not so much to earn dividends as to perform satisfactorily a public function. The good of the public is consulted rather than the good of the shareholders. Take an instance, Brooklyn bridge is public property. No toll is charged except for vehicles. All day long the great public swarms across it by the thousand. But the bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis is owned by the Goulds and a high rate of tolls is charged for all classes of passengers. This bridge earns its owners a million and a half a year on an investment of \$3,000,000. It is easy to see which is the better plan for the public.

To my mind the case is clear. The advantages of municipal ownership are manifest. But the unsolved question is whether or not we can secure honest and businesslike management. And if we cannot we may as well confess first that Democracy is a failure.

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MANUAL TRAINING IN THE SCHOOLS WILL BE RETAINED BY THE CITY

The Council Decide Unanimously in Favor of That Branch—There Will be no Coal Famine This Year in the City—Consolidation of the By Laws Decided Upon—The Recorder and the Stipendiary Will do the Work.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last night to discuss the continuance of Manual Training in the City schools and other matters pertaining to the civic welfare. The Mayor presided and all the Councillors but Coun. Paton were present.

Coun. Whear read a letter from the School Board sent to the Council last November regarding manual training in the City Schools. He discussed the matter and stated that he had asked the members of the School Board appointed by the city, viz., Dr. Jenkins, Thos. Handrahan and T. C. James, also Dr. Anderson, and Prof. Collier to be present. In his mind it would be a great calamity should this branch of education be dropped in the City schools.

Dr. Anderson, Superintendent of Education, on being called on complimented Mr. Whear on his lucid speech. At first he was not very enthusiastic over manual training, but he had watched it closely and now he heartily sympathized with the work and would do all he could to support it. Scholars, parents and teachers have approved of the work, and no one was dissatisfied. We had passed the experimental stage of three years. Should we now refuse to continue the work we would stultify ourselves. We should be extremely grateful to Sir William McDonald and Prof. Robertson for their assistance and should express our gratitude by continuing the work.

In response to an invitation from the Mayor to speak, short addresses were given by Professor Collier, Thos. Handrahan, T. C. James, Dr. S. R. Jenkins, Dr. F. P. Taylor. The latter stated that rather than have the disgrace of rejecting Manual Training he would be inclined to contribute \$500 himself to sustain the work.

Ewen Stewart Secretary of the School Board testified to the good results evident in the general work of the schools.

Recorder Hazard also spoke endorsing the scheme.

Coun Lyons was strongly in favor of doing what the people, represented by the Superintendent of Education and the

Board, desired should be done. Coun. Stewart endorsed what the previous speakers had said. It was the duty of the council to carry on the work inaugurated by Sir William McDonald, Couns. Moore, Clarke, Hooper and the Mayor, also spoke in favor of the movement.

The following resolution moved by Coun. Whear and seconded by Coun. Lyons, was carried unanimously: Resolved that this Council place on record its high appreciation of the interest shown in the Educational system by Sir William McDonald in establishing manual training in the Province and City and maintaining same at his own expense for the period of three years; that the Council having learned of the enthusiasm with which manual training has been received by those especially charged with our school management and the success which has attended the school in the past hereby authorize the Board of School Trustees to place a sum sufficient in their estimates for the maintenance of this work for the ensuing year.

After Dr. Anderson, Prof. Collier, Dr. Taylor and T. C. James had thanked the Council for their unanimity in the matter the delegates retired.

The Mayor stated that the Railway through the kindness of Mr. Sharp would sell coal to the needy after all the other coal in the City had been disposed of.

The Clerk reported that A. Down and A. Pickard & Co were the only ones now having coal. When they had disposed of their stock it could be obtained from the Railway.

It was agreed that as soon as these dealers were sold out, it be advertised that the Railway would sell coal to all who needed it.

After lengthy discussion the work of the consolidation of the City by laws was given to Recorder Hazard and Stipendiary McDonald for \$500 and the printing and binding to Murley & Garahum at the rate of \$126.56 per 1000 copies of 150 pages.

The Council then adjourned.

GRAVE DISSENSIONS IN ADMIRALTY REPORTED

Admiral Fisher, One of the Progressives Will Resign—Some Old Foggy Veterans.

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But they had to reckon with men as able as Sir John Fisher and as enthusiastic as Prince Louis of Battenberg, the Director of Naval Intelligence, and one of the keenest of our naval officers. Further efforts were made by these progressives

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THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Members to Be Named After Consulting Canada

THE KING'S FIRST LEVEE

President Francis Presented—How Washington's Birthday Was Celebrated Yesterday.

CANADA TO BE CONSULTED.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(Special).—In the Commons Austin Chamberlain said the British Alaskan Commissioners will be selected after consultation with the Dominion.

THE KING'S FIRST LEVEE.

The King held his first Levee in the Throne Room to-day.

Among the guests presented was President Francis of the St. Louis Exposition.

THE WASHINGTONIAN HOLIDAY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(Special).—While there was no official celebration the day was generally observed as a holiday in Greater New York and there was a very generous display of bunting in honor of the first President.

Most stores were closed, the weather was bright and there was an exodus of pleasure seekers to the country.

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