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OF INTEREST POLITICALLY

An Eagle Representative Secures an Interview With

MR. SMITH (CURTIS M. P. P.)

The Brilliant Member for Rossland Visits Ferguson and Incidentally Talks Politics.

Smith Curtis, M. P. P. for Rossland riding, came into Ferguson Friday night last, going out again Saturday night for Fish creek where he is interested in mining property, and from there to Victoria where he will investigate some mineral deposits on Vancouver Island. Mr. Curtis spent most of Saturday looking over some mining property near Ferguson, but before leaving town called at the Eagle structure where the Eagle editor subjected him to a questioning on matters pertaining to mining and also on the political situation in the province. Asked as to the correctness of Mr. Joseph Martin's self praise for having been the means of getting the land grant to the Canadian Northern railway thrown out as reported in the Eagle from the Rossland Miner. Mr. Curtis said that Mr. Martin's assumption was absurd for he had nothing to do with the matter during the past two sessions of the house was wholly different from what he seems to wish to lead the people to believe. Not only did Mr. Martin not take the stand he is reported to have said he took, but none of his followers in the house ever took such a stand. As to the report that the elections may be brought on before another session, Mr. Curtis said he thought it very probable that the election would be held on a general election for they cannot hope with the government as now constituted to carry any important legislation because of their small and wavering majority. The government's actions last session were very generally condemned, and there appears to be little confidence left, for the government, in the hearts of the people.

Being asked if he thought party politics would be introduced into the next general election contest, Mr. Curtis said he did not think they would. If they were there would be at least three parties, the Liberal, Conservative and Progressive. If this is done he would certainly support the Progressives. Mr. Curtis said, however, it was his decided wish to drop out of politics and he did not intend to run at next election if he could possibly avoid it. Mr. Curtis also said that he worked hard and conscientiously last session to get legislation passed that would benefit the whole country, but though a lot of time was consumed little was accomplished. He characterized the legislation passed and attempted by the Dunsmuir government as surpassing in stupidity that of any preceding government. What was given away of the country's resources was far in excess of what the Turner or any other government had given.

The strike on the Canadian Northern was settled on July 18th. The men were not recognized as a union, but were allowed all the extra money they asked. A divvvy committee took the matter in hand.

THREE IMPORTANT MEETINGS OF FERGUSON MINING COMPANIES

Some Unexpected Changes--W. B. Pool Sells Out of the Nettie L. and Silver Cup--Will Devote His Abilities and Capital to Gold Mining.

The two leading features in Ferguson this week were a great gathering of well known mining men and important changes in connection with some of our big properties. The first part of the contingent arrived on Sunday when F. W. Godsal and W. F. Cochrane, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cochrane, arrived from Alberta via the new railroad, having been detained two days at Lardo by the railway running out of coal. On Tuesday Messrs. W. B. Pool, J. J. Young, M. L. A., A. O. Kirby, W. M. Brown and G. S. McCarter came in from Revelstoke. Messrs. Kirby and Walker represent the London Syndicate, interested in the Nettie L. Silver Cup, Double Eagle and Ophir Lade properties. As reported elsewhere Mr. Walker met with an accident at Thomson's Landing and had to be taken back to Revelstoke for medical treatment.

NETTIE L. MEETING.
 The first of the series of meetings was held on Wednesday afternoon, being the annual meeting of shareholders of the Great Western Mines, Ltd., owners of the Nettie L., Ajax and other properties.

F. W. Godsal occupied the chair. A. H. Holdich was secretary and the following were also present: A. O. Kirby, Thos. Taylor, M. P. P., J. J. Young, M. L. A., G. S. McCarter, W. F. Cochrane, E. G. Hadow.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and confirmed.

The following letter was then read by the secretary:
 Ferguson, July 23rd, 1902.
 "To the Directors, Great Western Mines, Limited.
 "Gentlemen: I beg to tender my resignation as president and manager of the company, to take effect from this date.
 Yours truly,
 W. E. POOL."

It being understood that Mr. Pool's decision was final a motion was carried accepting the resignation with regret and the hearty thanks of the shareholders as voted by Mr. Kirby were tendered to Mr. Pool for his invaluable services and able management of the company.

The annual report of the directors was then read by the secretary together with the yearly balance sheet. The report contained an account of the work done during the year on the various properties of the company, special attention being naturally devoted to the Nettie L., which under Mr. Pool's capable management has now arrived at a point in its history when it is able to ship largely and pay handsome returns to its shareholders.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Carter, Donald G. Forbes.
 After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were appointed: D. G. Forbes, president and manager; A. H. Holdich, secretary, and E. G. Hadow, assistant secretary and assistant manager.

DOUBLE EAGLE MEETING.

The meeting of shareholders of the Double Eagle Mining & Development Co., Ltd., was held next, with J. J. Young, president, in the chair. A. H. Holdich acted as secretary.

After the reading of the minutes Mr. Pool presented his resignation as manager, which on the motion of the vice-president, Mr. Cochrane, was accepted with regret and a vote of thanks passed to Mr. Pool similar to that passed at the Great Western meeting. General regret was expressed over the loss to the company caused by Mr. Pool's resignation.

The directors' annual report gave particulars of the operations during the year which were mainly confined to surveying and obtaining crown grants of the company's numerous properties and also to development work on the May Bee and Mowow. It was mentioned that the company had co-operated with the Great Western company in completing the wagon road commenced by the government last year. The cost to the companies was upwards of \$4,000 which it is hoped will be refunded by the provincial government.

The directors report and balance sheet were adopted by the meeting.

The election of new directors then took place with the same result as in the Great Western company, except that the name of W. M. Brown, of Revelstoke, was added.

Before the meeting adjourned the future plans of both companies were discussed, some interesting particulars being given from the report of Geo. Atwood, the London mining engineer, who recently examined the properties. It is understood that a compressor plant has been ordered and air drills will shortly be working in the Nettie L.

Mr. Atwood's report confirms the good opinion which has often been expressed in our columns concerning the Nettie L. as a great silver-lead mine. The force of men will be largely increased.

OPHIR-LADE MEETING.

The general meeting of the Ophir-Lade, Syndicate, Limited, was held in the evening and there was a large attendance of shareholders present. A considerable amount of business was transacted, including the presentation of the annual report and balance sheet which showed the company to be in a very satisfactory condition with a respectable balance in the bank. The work done fell on the Lade group was described in detail and the opinion of the directors was expressed that the completion of the work now in hand would develop the Lade property into a great gold mine, the ore already taken out and the large quantity in

eight being undoubtedly the richest telluride and free milling ore ever seen in the province assaying as it does, up into the thousands of dollars per ton.

The following gentlemen were elected directors of the Ophir-Lade: W. B. Pool, F. W. Godsal, W. F. Cochrane, J. J. Young, S. Sutherland, T. Kilpatrick, B. Crilly, James Lade and Robert Hodge.

After considerable discussion it was decided to adjourn this meeting of shareholders and call another in the near future as soon as the directors have prepared their plans and are ready to submit a definite policy, their arrangements being somewhat changed owing to the shuffle between the Old Country and local shareholders. A large amount of capital has been applied for in the Ophir-Lade by local Ferguson men, the majority of whom are practical miners who know a good thing when they see it. The Eagle looks for great things from this company.

THE CHANGES.

In conversation with W. B. Pool the Eagle representative secured some interesting information concerning the important changes which have taken place. He stated that the changes had been made in the interests of the properties and of all parties.

"I was the original discoverer of the Nettie L.," said Mr. Pool, "and as I have had charge of its development ever since, I naturally take a deep interest in the mine and wish the new owners every possible success in making it the great producer which it is capable of becoming. After years of hard work thinking and rustling, I have brought the Nettie L. to a point when it can ship on a large scale. Owing to the low price of silver and the cost of smelting and transportation, I was opposed in the past to shipping any more ore than would pay the expense of development, and this brought about one of the reasons leading to the change that has taken place. The English shareholders bought a controlling interest in the mine a year ago and wanted me to ship all the ore in sight. In view of this difference of opinion and for several other reasons, I decided to sell out my remaining interest and drop out of the management. One strong reason for my doing so was that I wanted to be in a position along with my partners, Messrs. Young, Godsal and Cochrane to devote all of our energies to the big gold properties which we own. You can say on my authority that in the settlement between us and the English shareholders it was arranged that we should sell them our interests in the silver properties and buy them out of the gold properties."

The deal includes the Silver Cup in which we have sold out our interests to the English shareholders and I am glad to say that I believe they have got hold of two valuable properties, my opinion of which has been backed up by Mr. Atwood.

"I believe this district contains the makings of several more Nettie L.'s

SERMON BY REV. FISHER

A Good Congregation Attended Service in Hall

ON SUNDAY AT 3 P. M.

Mr. T. K. Fisher Preaches an Able Sermon Luke 2-49—"Wist Ye Not, Etc."

Rev. T. K. Fisher of Minnear's preached a thoughtful and highly interesting sermon in Eagle hall Sunday afternoon to a large and attentive congregation. Though the day was the hottest that Ferguson has experienced this summer, those present seemed to enjoy what we thought a rare treat. Mr. Fisher is a concise and pleasant speaker and is a master of oratory. He evidently has had large experience in city pulpits.

The text chosen for his discourse was from Luke 2 and 49. "Wist ye not that I must be about my fathers business."

In his introductory remarks the speaker referred to the last child found in the Temple of Jerusalem and culminating in his memorable words, which was the keynote of his life. "Wist ye not that I must be about my fathers business." The speaker referred first to the great mission of Christ on earth which was to reveal God's love to man. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Another mission of Christ was to bring man to a knowledge of his sinful condition and the need of a personal Saviour. Christ's mission was essentially that of a preacher, viz- of glad tidings: "I came, says Christ, not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." This was the main theme of Christ's message. He drew men to Him by personal magnetism. "And if I be lifted up from the earth WILL DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME."

He then referred to some length to the "Vicarious Sacrifice" or the atonement which forms the important event in Christ's work, and concluded by showing that the mission of Christ would be incomplete without having established His church on earth and the carrying out of the Masters command. "Go ye out into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The inspiration which comes to all of His followers engaged in His service is the knowledge of His presence with them in all of their undertakings. "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

and Silver Cup's, and if we decide to go into silver mining again, I have no fears as to our being able to rapidly develop two or three more big shippers more especially with the valuable experience we have gained in the past three years. Our policy in this respect will probably be guided largely by the future prospects of the silver market.

"At any rate we are right in now for gold mining. It has been the ambition of my life to get hold of a great free milling gold mine and I believe I have accomplished it at last. I am going to Camborne to-morrow with the directors of the Ophir-Lade syndicate to examine the Oyster and Criterion groups which J. J. Young and I bought."

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IMPORTANT CHANGES.

As will be seen elsewhere, in the columns of this week's Eagle, great changes have taken place in the four big mining companies of Ferguson. What significance these changes will have on the future of this camp, we feel that it is premature as yet to foretell, but looking at the matter generally, the Eagle hardly feels justified at the present time in commenting definitely. While on the one hand we are sorry that the two best silver properties of the camp have lost the services of Manager Pool; on the other hand we cannot but express gratification that the re-arrangement probably means the introduction of a larger amount of additional capital into the Lardeau, for it is reported that the new capital invested by the London syndicate is to be re-invested by the local men in bringing our gold properties further to the front. Mr. Pool was the original locator of the properties included in the Great Western Mines, Ltd., and also of most of those in the Double Eagle Co., and they have been under his management exclusively all through the various stages of development. The Nettie L. was not what would be called, in this camp, a particularly promising prospect during the early stages of its development and it required the abounding faith and persistence of Mr. Pool to prevent an abandonment of the idea of its being made a mine. Even the Provincial Mineralogist condemned it in its early prospect stages, but later, after depth had been attained, he pronounced it a very valuable property. Thus we believe that Mr. Pool deserves great credit for the enviable state that the mine is in to-day, and for the good that has and will yet accrue to the town of Ferguson: The Nettie L. having turned out so good, confidence was given to other prospect owners to persist in the development of their properties.

STRIKE AT FERNIE.

Fernie has been greatly excited for the past few days about the report that a large force of men from Pennsylvania were being imported by the company. A big crowd had gathered at the station on the 18th to meet the men who were supposed to arrive on that train, but only two of them went through to Fernie, the balance having learned the strike was still on got off at Frank and Michel. E. Rogers, one of the arrivals said, the Coal Co. had wired the men to come along, that the strike was over, all travelling expenses would be paid. The men

took him at his word and left for the west. They were informed of the correct state of affairs when they arrived at Frank and over 100 Italians got off the train at once, the English speaking miners got off at Michel. The men at Fernie are delighted over the stand taken by the imported men and do not believe the company will be able to get men to work until the trouble is ended.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Coast, an illustrated monthly magazine published at Seattle and devoted to the interests of the west, will begin the publication of a serial story written by its editor, embracing scenes and life in the west, particularly Seattle, covering the period of the Klondike excitement and immediately following, entitled, "The Triumph of Michael Sears."

There are a good many adverse opinions on the Thunder Mountain mining camp going the rounds of the press by parties who have investigated the ground on which it was reported that rich strikes had been made. There seems to have been some ground staked that will yield fairly good pay, but there was nothing to warrant the mad rush that took place.

The Vulcan smelter is finished and all preparations are complete for the "blow in." This will occur on the 4th of August, when it is hoped there will be enough ore at the smelter to keep the furnaces going steadily. There are a number of shareholders in the Smelter Co., now visiting Ferguson for the purpose of witnessing the "blow in" and the treatment of Lardeau ores by the Vulcan type of smelter will be watched carefully by mining men all over the district.

The Metropolitan Gold & Silver Mining company are calling for tenders for the construction of a tramway one and a half miles long from the workings of the Triune mine to the foot of the hill—timber line. The tram will enable the mine to be worked continuously, no shut down will be necessary as in the past on account of snow. It will also enable the management to work the

mine to better advantage in many ways and will greatly lessen the expense. It is expected that the work of construction will start early in August.

The annual report of Hon. E. G. Prior, minister of mines of B. C. for the year ending 31st Dec., 1901, has reached this office. It contains much valuable information of the mines and mining in the province. The illustrations, of which there are many, are really beautifully executed and help to make the report a valuable acquisition to an office or library. What appears to be a very fair report is given of the mines and prospects of this district. A very useful sketch map showing the mining divisions of the province accompanies the report.

William McAdams, editor of the Paystreak, Sandon, was brought before the full court on the 18th inst. at Victoria, for accusing the judges of the province of corruption. He conducted his own defense and in reviewing the circumstances in the case of Clark vs. Collins, which led to his objectionable comment, wherein he charged that one of the parties had a pull with the court. He admitted that he did wrong and had no right to make the statement, though a hardship had been wrought on one of the parties in the case. The judges, however, seemed to feel that an example should be made of McAdams and therefore sentenced him to nine months imprisonment and also to furnish four securities of \$1,000 each for good conduct. Failure to provide the necessary bonds would add one year additional imprisonment. It is reported that McAdams has wired his friends to circulate a petition to the minister of justice against the sentence which he thinks very severe. We believe the petition will be largely signed and it is probable the minister will remit the sentence. It seems to be the general impression through the country, especially the press of the country, that the case did not warrant so severe a sentence.

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