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Editorial Notes and Clippings

THE COAL STRIKE.

According to the brief press despatches, the situation at Cumberland must be a serious one when one hundred special policemen have to be sent to that place from Victoria. Apparently the miners do not take kindly to the working of the mines by non-union labor, and it is to prevent disturbances that the government sends the policemen.

The present strike on Vancouver Island is a curious one. The men are claiming that the gas men appointed by the unions have been discriminated against by the company. The government was asked by the miners at the commencement of the trouble to investigate and find if their statements were true and then, if so, to take measures to rectify matters. The minister of mines, Sir Richard McBride, refused to do this, so the strike continued.

In refusing the petition of the strikers, McBride wanted them to lay specific charges and prove conclusively the accusations. He only had to turn to the files in the Department of Mines to find where David McKinnell had his certificate cancelled as overman in the Extension mines for discharging James Black for reporting the existence of gas did he want verification of the reasons set forth as the cause of the strike. Moreover, he knows of the case in that he gave the certificate of competency back to McKinnell in con-

travention of his own mining laws.

James Black was discharged from his position as fire boss at Extension for reporting the existence of gas. The very thing that he is supposed to do. He forced an inquiry and the overman lost his papers—but they were returned to him.

When such things as this go on, and knowing that in the same mine a few months before thirty-two men died by reason of a gas explosion, can you blame those miners for striking when they imagine that their gas men, appointed by the union although employees of the company, were discharged and blacklisted? Do you blame those men fighting for their lives, or do you think that the Department of Mines—which restores a certificate cancelled for such an action, thus supporting the company in discriminating against the men to the danger of their lives—is to blame?

Now, instead of giving the investigation asked for, the government sends one hundred policemen to keep the miners from giving any trouble to the mine owners or the men who are strike breaking. We do not believe in violence and would not for a single moment advocate it, but it does seem hard that after placing their case before the Minister of mines and entreating the government to settle the matter peaceably and being refused they are compelled by armed force to sit idly by and watch the strike breakers march to and from work.

ITEMS OF WESTERN NEWS

Robt. Lowery, in Greenwood Ledge

Pentiction now has a population of 2,277.

The B. C. Legislature will meet on January 16th.

Masset wants a bank, and Greenwood wants a dentist.

Captain T. L. Fox died in Port Alberni a few days ago.

At Moyie forty men are working at the St. Eugene mine.

A cold storage plant is now in operation at Port Alberni.

E. J. Fowler has opened a general store in Port Alberni.

At \$7,000 the hotel at Jedway is being advertised for sale.

The Eden moving picture show at Trail has closed its doors.

The Yale division of the G. N. Ry. will be finished in January.

C. F. Greene & Co. have opened a grocery store in Port Alberni.

Recently in one week two barber shops were opened in Naramatta.

Crows have become a plague to the chicken farmers at Westholme.

The Silver Standard mine at Hazelton is installing a new plant.

There are 750 patients in the insane asylum at New Westminster.

It is stated that William Lechter of Kaslo will start a store at Lardo.

The new Bank of Montreal building at Merritt is nearly completed.

Last week twenty-four carloads of cattle were shipped from Nicola.

Above Revelstoke the Big Bend placers are again attracting attention.

J. S. Deschamps has been elected president of the Rossland Curling Club.

The local option liquor law was defeated in Oroville by twenty votes.

The Pueblo copper mine in the Yukon is shipping two hundred tons of ore a day.

In the past few weeks eighty-six lots have been sold in New Molson, Wash.

At Merritt buyers are offering 6 cents a pound live weight for cattle.

The first daily paper in the world was started by a woman in London in 1702.

Colonel Baker has sold his estate at Westholme and returned to England.

This year the B. C. government has expended \$177,000 upon forest protection.

A cabbage that weighed twenty-five pounds was grown in Merritt this summer.

W. C. Sime has succeeded Robert Smart as government assayer in the Yukon.

Last week sixty head of cattle were sold at Chesaw for 6 cents a pound live weight.

W. Thompson has imported 1,400 sheep from Montana for his ranch near Merritt.

The J. W. McLain ranch of 5,930 acres in Southern Alberta has been sold for \$250,000.

So far this year the mines in the Cranbrook district have shipped a little over 26,000 tons of ore.

In B. C. more than a hundred locomotives are now burning oil. The result is not entirely satisfactory.

F. J. Robertson, formerly of High River, is getting ready to start a paper at Erskine, Alberta.

Joe Green has left Dawson and taken up his residence in Portland. He was part owner of the Dawson News.

Just twenty years ago an excursion was run to Lardo in order to give buyers a chance to invest in town lots.

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Exit Grizzly Bear.

Mr. Gaarden, who has a fine orchard, has lately been favored by frequent visits from a certain Mr. Bruin, who showed his appreciation of the fruits by stripping several trees. Mr. Gaarden desiring a better acquaintance with his uninvited guest, set out a 35 pound steel trap, attached it to a log some fourteen feet long by eighteen inches in diameter. The next morning trap and log were missing, but on following the tracks for about a quarter of a mile Mr. Gaarden came upon the log and trap, attached to which was an enormous grizzly bear. That bear will rob no more orchards.—Bella Coola Courier.

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